

CHARGE ASSESSORS ACTED ILLEGALLY

'It Will Mean Hard Work But We Can Do It' Ice Fund Campaign Opens

Canadian Plowmen Win In Irish Matches Feb. 9

Three Canadian plowmen won prizes on February 9 at the International Plowing Match at Limavady, near Belfast, Northern Ireland, according to Canadian press reports. More than 50,000 spectators watched the match.

The winners, Alvin J. Mark, Cameron, near Lindsay, who also won the Visitor's Cup, Robert Timbers, Stouffville, near Toronto, and Rhys Bacher, Hagersville, near Hamilton, placed first, second and third, respectively in their class which was one of seven events at the meet. They are three of the five Canadian farmers who were awarded a trip to Britain at the International

Plowing Match held at Lindsay, Ont., last October.

In addition to the Northern Ireland match, the Canadians have been among the prize winners at two other British plowing matches—the West England Champion Plowing Match at Newquay, Cornwall, and the Empire Plowing Match at Worthington, England. Alvin Mark and Rhys Bacher came second and third in their respective classes at the West England Match and Alvin Mark and Wilbert McFadden placed first and fourth respectively in a general purpose horse plowing class at the Empire Plowing Match.

Reports of the plowmen's travels appear on page 10.

Hydro Restrictions On Store Lights End

Hydro restrictions on outdoor lighting, electric signs and store windows were lifted on Tuesday. All restrictions were lifted by Hydro Commission Chairman Robert Saunders on such lighting between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., Monday to Friday, and all day Saturday and Sunday.

The daytime restrictions will continue except Saturdays and Sundays, and regulations on the use of water and space heaters will continue. The outdoor lighting regulations were first put on September 14 and removal was not expected until March.

Mr. Saunders said earlier in the week that the removal of restrictions was made possible by improved power conditions since the mild weather has helped water supplies. He said also that consumer co-operation had helped to ease the power deficiency. The quota system which had been the basis of daily power deliveries to municipalities was discontinued on February 1.

The chairman said that all restrictions could not be lifted, that "it was necessary to make provision for certain unforeseeable emergencies."

Co-Op Report States Sales Near \$300,000

Newmarket — The Newmarket District Co-Op held its annual meeting recently when members heard a financial report indicating gross sales of close to \$300,000, and assets of \$107,000.

J. P. Jefferson retired after close to 20 years as president, and was succeeded by Dalton Faris. Seventy members were present at the agricultural board room despite the stormy evening. Guest speaker was Leonard Harman, general secretary, United Co-Operatives of Ontario.

New officers are: pres., Mr. Faris; vice pres., Sheldon Walker; secretary, G. W. Williams; directors, George Pearson, Wm. Walker, Aubrey Doan and Allan Baldon.

NEW HEATING PLANT

Newmarket — Acceptance was given a tender to install a heating plant in the Stuart Scott school by the public school board Friday night. Total cost of the steam heat system will be \$8,084 including labor.

COMING EVENTS

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the Third Presentation of Canadian concert series is cancelled.

Saturday, Feb. 19—Dance in Holland Landing Community hall. Harvey Miller's orchestra. Spot dance. Refreshments. Time 8:30 p.m. Admission 50c per person.

Thursday, Feb. 17—Carnival at Queensville arena. Miss Shirley Andrews will be featured performer. Prizes for costumes, best, funniest. Spot skating. Best skaters, pairs and singles. Admission, skaters, adults in costume 35c, without costume, 50c. Spectators 25c. Time 8 p.m. sharp.

Friday, Feb. 18—Bingo in Queensville school at 8:15 p.m. under the auspices of the Queensville Sports Committee. Good prizes. Admission 25c.

Sunday, Feb. 20—Boys and girls service in Keswick-Ravenshoe United church, 11 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. Children's sermon "Super Man". All children's organizations will parade to the service. Bring your children early.

Monday, Feb. 21—At 8 p.m. Father's night, Home and School Association. Public school oratorical contest. Short quiz, fathers versus sons. Children's musical numbers under direction of Herman Fowler. Refreshments.

Wednesday, Feb. 23—Euchre in Keswick school under the auspices of Keswick Hockey club. Lunch and prizes. Admission 25c.

Thursday, Feb. 24—Catholic Women's League euchre in St. John's school at 8:15 p.m. Lunch and prizes. Admission 35c.

Friday, Feb. 25—At Mount Albert hall, modern and old time dancing. Norm Burling and his King's Men. Sponsored by Sharon Junior Farmers. Spot dance. Admission 50c. Cafeteria lunch.

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Monday, Feb. 28—At Mount Albert hall, modern and old time dancing. Norm Burling and his King's Men. Sponsored by Sharon Junior Farmers. Spot dance. Admission 50c. Cafeteria lunch.

Tuesday, Feb. 29—At Mount Albert hall, modern and old time dancing. Norm Burling and his King's Men. Sponsored by Sharon Junior Farmers. Spot dance. Admission 50c. Cafeteria lunch.

Even 'Discrimination' Can't Stop Hekimian When He Wants A Dip

Krikor Hekimian, the "Armenian Polar Bear" who amazed and amused Newmarket spectators a week ago Sunday with his icy dip in the Holland, is continuing his public performances along the lakeshore—not without some difficulty. Krikor was booked for a dip at New Toronto but was run off the shore by the police because he lacked a permit.

"Discrimination," Krikor is quoted as saying.

However, he was equal to the occasion. Followed by the crowd, he went to the Humber where he dived in and had his swim, causing a major traffic jam along the lakeshore highway.

Davis Tanner 26 Years, William Chadwick Dies

Newmarket — William Chadwick, 26 Davis Dr. W., died at his home on February 9. He had been ill for three years. He was born in England, March 6, 1873, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chadwick, and is survived by his widow, the former Sarah Alice Lee.

He came to Canada in 1919 and was employed by the Davis Leather Co. as a tanner for 26 years. Other survivors are a son, R. L. Chadwick, and two brothers in England. A son, Harry Chadwick, was killed overseas in 1944.

The funeral services were held at the Roadhouse and Rose chapel Friday, with Rev. J. T. Rhodes, the minister. Interment was at Newmarket cemetery. Pallbearers were J. E. Hellam, S. R. Lee, H. Lee, G. Lee, D. Kenny and W. Ash.

14-Room House Destroyed By Fire

'First Twins in Town' Ladies Win Contest

Twin sisters of 75 years of age, Mrs. Louise Moran, Toronto, and Mrs. Emily O'Neill, Edmonton, were in the news lately as winners of a "twin contest" at Edmonton. They are said to be the first twins born in Newmarket. They were born here March 11, 1873, the daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Haskett at White Rose Cottage on Eagle St. The cottage stood where Lorne Ave. has recently been extended.

In a contest sponsored by the Edmonton Bulletin featuring "twins of various ages", first prize of \$200 was won by the sisters. After many years of separation, they enjoyed a reunion in Toronto recently. Another sister, Mrs. Thelma Haskett Hance, lives in Rochester, N. Y., and a brother, Fred Haskett, lives in Barrie. The mother of T. F. Doyle, Newmarket, was a cousin of the Haskett family.

RESIGNS FROM BOARD

Newmarket—The public school board received a letter of resignation from G. L. Boynton at a meeting on Friday night. Mr. Boynton said he was unable to carry on with the board because of ill-health.

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FIRST CONTRIBUTION



Scoutmaster Bert Budd, campaign chairman Robert Martin and treasurer Horace Hiscox examine the first contribution of \$10 to be received in the Scout's campaign to raise \$6,000 for a permanent camp site. Contributions may be left at the banks or The Era and Express office. Scouts will observe a national week of commemoration next week.

Survey Indicates New School Need

Newmarket—There are 72 children from the part of town east of Main St. at present attending the two schools on the west side of town. Mrs. M. B. Seldon revealed these figures at a meeting of the public school board last Friday night. They were obtained from a survey made by the Home and School Association.

On the east side of town there are 207 pre-school children including 58 infants, one year and under, 58 two-year-olds, 38 three-year-olds, 30 four-year-olds and 23 five-year-olds. Against these figures there are 198 pre-school children on the west side of town including 51 infants, one and under, 60 two-year-olds, 31 three-

year-olds, 36 four-year-olds and 20 five-year-olds.

According to these figures, there will be an average of over 100 beginners each fall for the next four years and the peak will be the fall of 1952. From 65 to 70 pupils graduate each year so that there will be about 30 extras to accommodate when schools open each fall for the next four years. Schools are already crowded even though manual training and domestic science rooms are being used for regular classes.

Second reading was passed on a debenture by-law for borrowing \$140,000 to build a new public school at the last council meeting. The by-law will go before the Ontario municipal board which will decide whether the ratepayers will vote on it or not. First reading of the by-law was given last fall and no further action had been taken until last week.

Board members agreed that the need for a new school was on the east side of town and it was pointed out that at present the Alexander Muir school with six rooms is the only one in the larger district while two schools with a total of 12 rooms are on the west side of town.

Government grants for building schools in towns the size of Newmarket are equal to 45 percent of the approved cost at present, according to the school board.

Aurora Pupils Present Festival Numbers

Aurora — Public and high school students and pupils of Illyd Harris are presenting a recital of their competitive numbers for the Kiwanis Music Festival in Aurora United church on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 17 and 18, at 8 p.m. Proceeds will be used to help defray transportation expenses.

WILL HOLD SERVICES

Newmarket — At a recent meeting of the Newmarket Ministerial Association arrangements were made to hold Holy Week services Tuesday to Thursday, April 12 to 14, at the Church of the Nazarene and Good Friday unite with St. Paul's Anglican for three-hour service from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Newmarket — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson celebrated their wedding anniversary Saturday by entertaining their family, relatives and friends at their home. They were married 45 years ago on February 14.

The response has been overwhelming. Food, clothing and furniture have been contributed from all over, donations coming from as far away as Toronto. A large quantity of money has also been raised and a house has been located for the Redferns near Lake Wilcox. Mr. Hawkins, a local contractor, has donated the time of a number of his employees. They have been continually busy since the fire collecting contributions throughout the countryside. Still required are pots, pans and other cooking utensils, dishes, cutlery and furniture. It is expected that the Redferns will move into

their new home on Thursday. A home is also being located for the Ground family.

The fire is thought to have started when an oil stove in the Redfern kitchen exploded. Luckily, no one was caught in the house. Despite the efforts of both the Aurora and Richmond Hill fire departments, the buildings and their contents were destroyed. Large collections of valuable books and records were lost by Gibbs and Crossmans, who are producers with CBC.

While the Lions appeal has been answered in a striking manner, much is still required. The speed of your aid determines how soon these families will be adequately re-established.

Say 'Omit Duty' In Re-Valuation, Court Trial Here

Newmarket — A charge that the assessors had not done their duty in the re-assessment of the town last fall was sworn against them Wednesday.

The information reads in part: the assessors "did unlawfully and wilfully omit their duty" in the preparation of the assessment roll. With the swearing of the information summons will be sent to each of the five assessors, B. W. Hunter, Harold Eaton, J. B. Waterhouse, Ross Howlett and Frank Doyle. It is thought likely that the charges will be heard in magistrate's court in Newmarket Feb. 25.

This latest development comes while the town council has before it a letter of resignation from the assessors. The letter was sent to the council last week but a decision as to the acceptance or rejection of the resignation was held over to the next meeting of council.

Earlier, the assessors had been ordered by the Court of Revision to assess industry when they had told the court they had not done so while assessing the rest of the town last fall. The assessors claimed that since industrial assessments had been raised between 65 and 90 percent the year before, they had felt that the inclusion of industry in the re-assessment of the rest of the town was not necessary. When first ordered to re-

assess industry, they refused on legal grounds.

The complaint was sworn by Miss Joanna Jansen whose home is at the corner of Water and Prospect Sts. Miss Jansen said she was acting on behalf of herself, and a group of taxpayers. She did not name them.

The information reads: "That (the five assessors as named above) . . . during the period between October 4, 1948, and November 15 inclusive, at the town of Newmarket . . . being assessors for the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket, acting under the Assessment Act, did unlawfully and wilfully omit their duty to prepare an assessment roll in which, after diligent inquiry, they were required to set down, according to the best information to be had, particulars required by Section 23 of the Assessment Act, contrary to Section 211 of the Assessment Act, R.S.O., 1937, Chap. 272 and amendments thereto."

Section 23 sets forth the duties of the assessors in detail including that of listing the values of all buildings and their contents and the land they stand on. Section 211 sets forth the penalties of a fine up to \$200 or imprisonment up to six months, or both, for "any assessor" "acting under this Act" who makes an "unjust" or "fraudulent assessment" or "wilfully omits any duty required of him by this Act."

Say Good In Sport Depends On Coach

Newmarket — Education was the theme at the Lions club meeting on Monday night when Ray Speirs, director of physical education for the City of Toronto, was guest speaker. Representatives of Newmarket school boards and C. R. Blackstock, physical education director at Pickering College, were guests.

Following an address by Mr. Speirs, Lions saw a movie on the physical education program in Toronto secondary schools.

Mr. Speirs, co-author of Good Health, a text used in Ontario high schools, told Lions that the benefit obtained from sports depends largely on character in the people who conduct them. "Unfortunately there are coaches in the field of athletics who don't care about character building. They are just out to win," he said. To them, rules are made to be circumvented and they promote the attitude that it is "smart to get away with it," according to Mr. Speirs.

The old laws presented by sports propagandists who tell you that athletics alone make

you "live longer, enjoy life, open doors to jobs and benefits and build character," don't hold water by themselves, he said.

Looking at sports objectively, he said that athletics don't make you healthier. It is only a sensible observation of the rules, including diet and sleep, that gives you the benefit.

"As for adding years to your life, the insurance companies do not give added benefits to athletes, in fact some get less," he said. "They talk about athletics 'opening new doors' but politics, business, social life, sweaters and convertibles are only by-products of the sports world. As for character, they claim that games are character building but there is nothing either moral or immoral about games. They are mostly neutral and some are good and some are bad in that respect," he said.

The old laws are not true, according to Mr. Speirs unless there are the right people conducting athletics who must be paid enough for their services. Next meeting of the Lions club will be District Governor's night.

Scouts, Guides Theme 'Prepare For Tomorrow'

The week of February 20 to 27 has been set aside as Scout-Guide week throughout Canada. At this time Canada's 39,978 Boy Scouts, 32,312 Guides, 52,044 Wolf Cubs and 25,344 Brownies will demonstrate the training which scouting and guiding provide for Canadian boys and girls.

Preparing for Tomorrow Today is the theme for the week. Tuesday, Feb. 22, is the anniversary of the birthday of Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting and Guiding. Throughout the world, Girl Guides observe it as Thinking Day. This day also marks the birthday of the World Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell when special thought is given to international friendship.

On Sunday, Feb. 20, a church parade for Brownies, Cubs, Guide and Scouts will be held in Newmarket. All participants will fall in at the Scout Hall by 10:30 a.m. and proceed to Trinity United church for the service. Full uniform is requested.

The Scout campaign to raise \$6,000 to purchase a permanent camp site is well underway. The current Guide cookie sale will have its culmination during Scout-Guide week with the cookies being delivered February 24 and 25.

Over 190 boys and girls in Newmarket are actively engaged in the well rounded program which Brownies, Cubs, Scouts

and Guides provide. Uniforms will appear all over town next week when the boys and girls will wear them to school as a further reminder of the high ideals at which they have aimed.

On Sunday, February 27, following the evening church service a special concert will be presented in the town hall by the Citizens' Band. The proceeds will go to the current Scout campaign. Boy Scouts will act as ushers and take over the program.

In Aurora a special church parade for all four groups has been planned to the Aurora United church on the evening of February 27. Aside from this no other special activities have been planned for the week. However, throughout the week members of the four groups will be seen on the streets and in the schools dressed in their uniforms.

Aurora has 36 Cubs and 28 Scouts. The Guides are 30 in number while 19 girls are enrolled in the Brownies. The groups all meet once a week. Other activities include hikes for the Cubs, and overnight camping trips for the Scouts. Swimming instruction for second star Cubs and Scouts is received each Friday evening at St. Andrew's College. Guides and Brownies raise funds by holding teas and selling cookies and Christmas cards.

News of the District

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Sharon Recital Aids British Organ Fund

Sharon—A very fine recital of sacred music was given last week under the direction of the Rev. Robt. Pugh, R.M.T., organist and choirmaster of St. James' church. The splendid program included: "March Céleste," "Minuet Antique," "Scottish Idyll," and "Minuet and Trio." The choir sang the "Dutch Prayer of Thanksgiving," with a solo by Marlene Rye, and two numbers sung by the choir were composed by the Rev. Robt. Pugh. The choir also sang with solo by Elda Hall. "Im-promptu in G. Major" by Schubert was a delightful duet for organ and piano with Mrs. De Brigny at the piano. The silver collection amounted to \$20 for the new organ for Coventry Cathedral.

EXCHANGE PULPITS

Newmarket — Rev. L. E. Sparks will be speaking in the Church of the Nazarene at Preston and Rev. H. V. Muxworthy will conduct the services here.

SHARON*

The Hobby club met at Mrs. Harvey Miller's home, Sharon, February 15 with a fair attendance, illness preventing many from attending. Community singing led by Mrs. J. Farr, the president, with Miss Lorna Miller at the piano opened the meeting. The roll-call was well answered by original and well known Valentine verses. The March meeting is to be at the home of Mrs. J. Farr. The roll-call: "Sing, say, something Irish or else pay".

The choir committee reported fruit sent to Mrs. L. J. Farr while in hospital and to Mrs. G. Broderick and regret was expressed at the illness of so many faithful ones, the most recent, Mrs. A. Dike.

Mrs. Geo. Barker gave a good account of current events, Mrs. A. Balsdon read an instructive article on Brightening our Homes. Mrs. A. Brenair conducted the question box, Mrs. W. Wil-mot spoke for a few moments on the Federation of Agriculture and York Co-Operative Health Services. It was resolved we invite Mrs. Brummell, Victoria

KETTLEBY

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Forsbrey and family, Toronto, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Little and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mathewson and Linda, Stouffville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tucker.

Miss Grace Blatchford entertained a number of friends Saturday evening at a Valentine party.

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Cragg spent a few days in Hamilton with their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Heacock and Teddy spent Sunday in Aurora with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Archibald.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Archibald who celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, Feb. 15. We all wish them every happiness and hope they will share many more anniversaries together.

Christ Church Ladies' Guild met at the home of Mrs. Jack Harmon on Tuesday, Feb. 8. It was Rev. F. V. Abbot's birthday. Mrs. Gritten made a delicious birthday cake, and the lunch was extra special, everyone trying to do honor to him as a special guest. Most of the members were present. The quilt was finished and work started on another one.

Mr. P. Muirhead motored to Florida where he will be spending the next few weeks with his sister and her husband.

Mrs. F. Crane is visiting in Toronto for a few days.

Sunday, Feb. 13, was a very happy day for the vicar and congregation of Christ church as three young lives were dedicated to God's service by Holy Baptism. They were Gail Brenda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison, Carol Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Munshaw, and Garfield Stephen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ewart Munshaw.

After the christening, the service of Holy Communion was celebrated. A letter from the bishop was read asking for donations towards the purchase of Ingles House, which is a home for the re-establishment of young women, and is doing a good work. Will the members who received envelopes please bring them next Sunday and the members who were unable to be present last Sunday, will they please put their donations in a plain envelope and mark them for "Ingles House."

For the information of all Christ church members, the special speaker on the "Children's Hour" which is broadcast over CFRB every Sunday morning from 9.30 to 9.45 a.m., on Sunday, Feb. 27, will be Bishop Beverley. This broadcast is sponsored by the Anglican church as a special feature for all children who cannot attend Sunday-school regularly, and is well worth listening to. It is called the "Sunday-school of the Air."

A special meeting of Christ Church Ladies' Guild has been called at the home of Mrs. Ed. Black on Feb. 22 for 10.30 a.m. All members please take note.

Services at Christ church on Sunday, Feb. 20, will be 2 p.m.; Sunday-school, 3 p.m.; evening service.

PLEASANTVILLE

The box social at the Bogart-town club, though not well attended, was certainly enjoyed by all present. Miss Ratcliffe prepared a script for quiz kids who were Mrs. F. Williams, Mrs. G. McClure, Cecil Wood and Sid Legge. A junior amateur show including Marie Cutting on piano, Norma Church, guitar, and Rickie Whitaker, a reading, pop corn eating contest provided plenty of fun and last of all, Sid Legge as auctioneer sold the well filled boxes prepared by the ladies present.

Our sick folk are all still confined to their beds. They are Mrs. John McClure, Mr. A. Colville and Master Elgin Toole. We hope soon to report their complete recovery.

Mrs. Francis Starr, Mrs. Elmer Starr, Mrs. E. Hawtin were in Hamilton on Friday.

Mrs. G. Hunt and Harry, also Edith Kay were in Toronto on a shopping tour last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Greenwood were a week ago Sunday tea guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foster, Aurora.

Mrs. George Hunt and Mr. Harry Hunt attended the 45th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Patterson in Newmarket on Friday, Feb. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Sheridan and Miss Mary Sheridan had Sunday supper at Mr. Doug Harrison's home, Aurora.

MAKE TELEVISION SET

Newmarket—Cecil Gibson, assisted by Stu. Beare, are making their own television set and report good progress in the job.

KESWICK

Mrs. Jack Harper entertained the Boy Scout mothers at her home February 8 and everyone enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Mr. John Johnston and son, John, Jr., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnston at Elmercort.

Miss Lynn Marritt is in York County hospital with a broken arm. Miss Carrie Marritt is at a rest home in Aurora.

Miss June Prosser, who has been laid up with a broken ankle, is improving.

A large group of ladies from the United church attended the W.A. meeting including an apron shower held at the home of Mrs. Clarke Martin, Claryn Lodge, Orchard Beach, last Wednesday afternoon. The weather was grand and the ladies enjoyed the outing. The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Walter Richmond. The shower at this meeting will be miscellaneous.

Everybody welcome to the Temperance Rally for the study of alcohol problem in Keswick United church on the evening of February 23, when the speaker will be Rev. W. B. Smith, B.A., Toronto. Time of meeting, 8 p.m. Music furnished locally.

The quarterly official board of the charge will meet for the annual meeting February, Feb. 18, in Keswick church.

The Lakeside Women's Institute will meet on February 22 at the home of Mrs. M. R. Brown.

Mrs. William McGenerty entertained her father and Danny McGenerty at a birthday dinner.

The Evening Auxiliary spent an enjoyable evening at Queensville.

SNOWBALL

Miss Doris Mitchell spent the weekend at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Mitchell.

The W.A. and W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Farren. Miss Webb presided for the W.M.S. meeting when plans were made for several quilts and a layette for the missionary bales. Mrs. Farren conducted the W.A. meeting. Delegates were picked to attend the T.C.P. convention in Toronto Feb. 16. Mrs. Patrick, Miss Webb and Mrs. Copson are among those attending.

The W.I. will meet at the home of Mrs. W. Blum on Feb. 23. The roll-call, "What I do with leisure moments." Current events will be given by Mrs. Harding. There will be a talk on health and music. Hostesses are Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Bridgeman and Mrs. Farren.

A very successful euchre sponsored by the Snowball W.I. was held on Feb. 8. Mr. Ed. Reddick won the door prize; ladies' first, Mrs. Cal. Davis; second, Mrs. Len. Hall; consolation, Miss Eileen Casey. Mr. Henry Hill took home first prize for the men, Mr. Charles Casey second, Ron Robson consolation. Miss Marie Cunningham was the lucky winner of the coffee maker.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Albert Kerr is under the doctor's care and all wish her a speedy recovery.

MIAMI BEACH

Our hockey players are really doing a good job, they are in the playoffs now. Keep up the good work, boys.

Our Sunday-school, which is held in the Jersey school every Sunday morning, is quite a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crowder and Mrs. Crowder's sister, Geneva, and little Allen; also Mr. Calvin Comer, all of Baldwin, called on Mr. and Mrs. Oliver King last Tuesday afternoon.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Chester Miller, Mount Pleasant, had to return to York County hospital again. We all wish him a very speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. D'Arcy Miller and Mrs. Russ Howlett, Newmarket, called on Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Miller last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Herb. Sullivan is able to be out again after having a bad dose of the 'flu for a week.

The people of this community are very sorry to hear that Mrs. Art Dawson and family of Dawson's Boat Harbor are sick with the 'flu. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Miss Ruby Draper visited Mr. and Mrs. Oliver King last Sunday afternoon.

Glad to see Miss Jean La Rue has recovered from a dose of the 'flu.

Mrs. Madeline Charpentier, Baldwin, called on Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Miller last Tuesday afternoon.

MOUNT ZION

Church at 11 o'clock and Sunday-school at 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Smith and grandchildren visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carl on Sunday.

Mr. Gordon White stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Swanson over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Bouldry, Barrie, were guests Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mahoney.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris, Patsy and Albert visited Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson at Stayner on Thursday, Feb. 10.

Mr. and Mrs. E. King, Eddie Sasseville and Elgin Cole attended church service in Belhaven Sunday morning and had dinner with Rev. and Mrs. John King.

Claim M.O.H. Failed His Duties, Ask Resignation

Before Whitechurch township council on Saturday, James Hope, farmer and ratepayer in the Pine Orchard School Section, presented a resolution he said had been passed at a ratepayers' meeting calling for the dismissal of the M.O.H., Dr. G. W. Williams, charging inadequate performance of his duties. The resolution submitted to the council by Mr. Hope read: "S.S. No. 4 resolves that the services of the M.O.H. are inadequately performed and the meeting asks council to call for his resignation."

The protest, Mr. Hope said, arose over a recent epidemic in the section. Advice and direction sought from the M.O.H. was lacking.

Mr. Hope submitted a copy of another resolution protesting a charge of \$20 for auditing school accounts. "Too much money, when we recall the books were audited without cost before the work was taken over by the township auditor," said Mr. Hope.

Clerk John Crawford explained that under new regulations the auditing must be done by the township, and the local auditing cost \$600. Each school section was charged \$20 but half would be recovered by the section from or through government grant. "I don't think that a small school section should have to pay \$20 to get its books audited when there was a time local auditors did it for nothing," said Mr. Hope, who also took exception to a flat charge of \$20 irrespective of the size of the section.

Clerk Crawford explained that there is some very poor bookkeeping done on school books, and often the auditor had to go to no end of trouble to properly enter the accounts before he could complete a proper audit. This situation, it was said, brought about the compulsory audit by a qualified man.

Road Budget \$50,000. The township road budget for 1949 was set up, calling for an expenditure of \$50,000 half of which will be paid by the department of highways for Ontario. This is \$5,000 more than the expenditure last year, but the township will make a final payment of \$10,000 this year on the new road maintainer bought a year ago. The reeve pointed out that the \$5,000 increase would only reflect an expenditure in local taxes of \$2,500.

Assessor and Bldg. Inspector Fred Cummings, one-time township assessor, will assume his old position again, according to a by-law passed at this meeting. Mr. Cummings will replace J. A. Clarke, incumbent of the office in 1948. Mr. Cummings will receive a salary of \$1,600 per annum as assessor, and \$700 per annum as building inspector, which position he was also appointed to under by-law at this time. A carpenter and electrician, Mr. Cummings is well fitted for the position, especially because he is competent to do the bookkeeping end of this work which is considerable. The position of township assessor will be an all-time job, since under 57a of the assessment act buildings in course of construction are to be assessed, and considerable extra revenue will accrue to the municipality if the act is properly enforced as it will be with an all-time assessor instead of a part-time man as heretofore.

Request for Improved Road. A petition was presented by Ross Armitage signed by property owners from Pleasantville to Vivian asking for an approved road in the area. The petitioners, Mr. Armitage said, felt that a hard top would be less expensive than present maintenance cost, but would give more satisfaction. He pointed out that the traffic is on the increase, and a boys' camp and a church camp were in the area.

Reeve Logan thanked Mr. Armitage and while promising consideration he didn't think the 1949 budget could stand any expenditure for a hard top road. "The budget will carry \$10,000 for final payment on our road maintainer," he said.

Councillor Legge suggested the petition be passed on to the roads committee.

Federation Grant \$250. Chas. Hooper, Stanley Watson and Frank Marritt, officers of the York County Federation of Agriculture urged the annual grant, and were promised \$250, same as granted in 1948. Mr. Hooper asked council to consider placing one-fifth of a mill on tax rate of farmers to raise around \$400 but this was not adopted.

Reeve Logan and Councillor Timbers favored a grant rather than the imposition of a tax. Everybody in the township pays through a grant, Mr. Logan said, and who in Whitechurch is not interested in agriculture?

Police Mileage Questioned. Reeve Logan introduced a debate on the system of paying mileage to the township officer, Ron Watt. The reeve maintained that there should be no mileage allowed when the officer was travelling from his

home to the township office. "The township office is the starting place, and the mileage for this time of year," said the reeve, "is too high." Mr. Watt's mileage for January was \$78.

At this point Constable Watt happened in, and stated that most calls come to his home at Newmarket, most people interviewed go to the home, and frequently he took them to Newmarket police office for such private interviews. "You have no police facilities in the township for this work," said Constable Watt.

Councillor Sid Legge wanted to know if any agreement existed to pay mileage and he was told there was such an agreement.

"Then actually, as I see it, the police office is in his home and it wouldn't make much difference. The matter could be referred to the police committee of this council," he concluded.

The reeve again interjected that he was complaining about paying for travelling from his home to the township office, which the constable said was on few occasions when he went there to do some book work that was not done at home.

Councillor Timbers paid a compliment to the good work of Constable Watt and considered the issue a minor matter.

T. A. M. Hulse urged council to make a grant to the Aurora Legion, setting out the good work done by that organization, even to the extent of relieving the township of certain distress cases.

On motion of Deputy-Reeve Ivan McLaughlin and Councillor R. C. Bayeroff, council authorized taking out a membership in the Ontario Association of Rural Municipalities at a fee of \$5.

ANSNORVELD

Mr. A. Verrips left aboard the S.S. Queen Elizabeth from New York for a six-week trip to Holland where he hopes to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Prins, Jr., with their small daughter expect to leave this week via New York City for England where they hope to make their future home.

Mrs. A. Sneepe is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. Bos, in Toronto.

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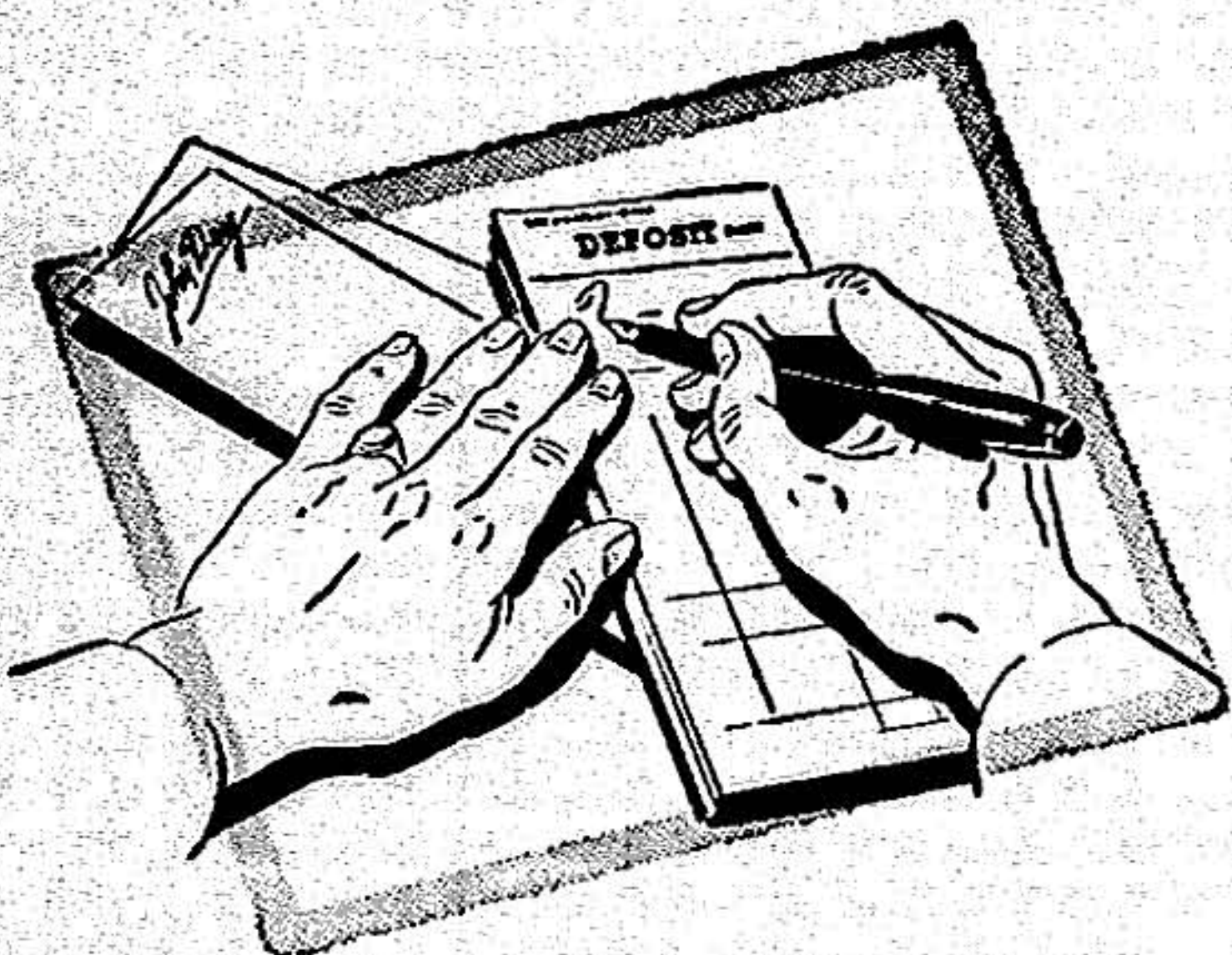
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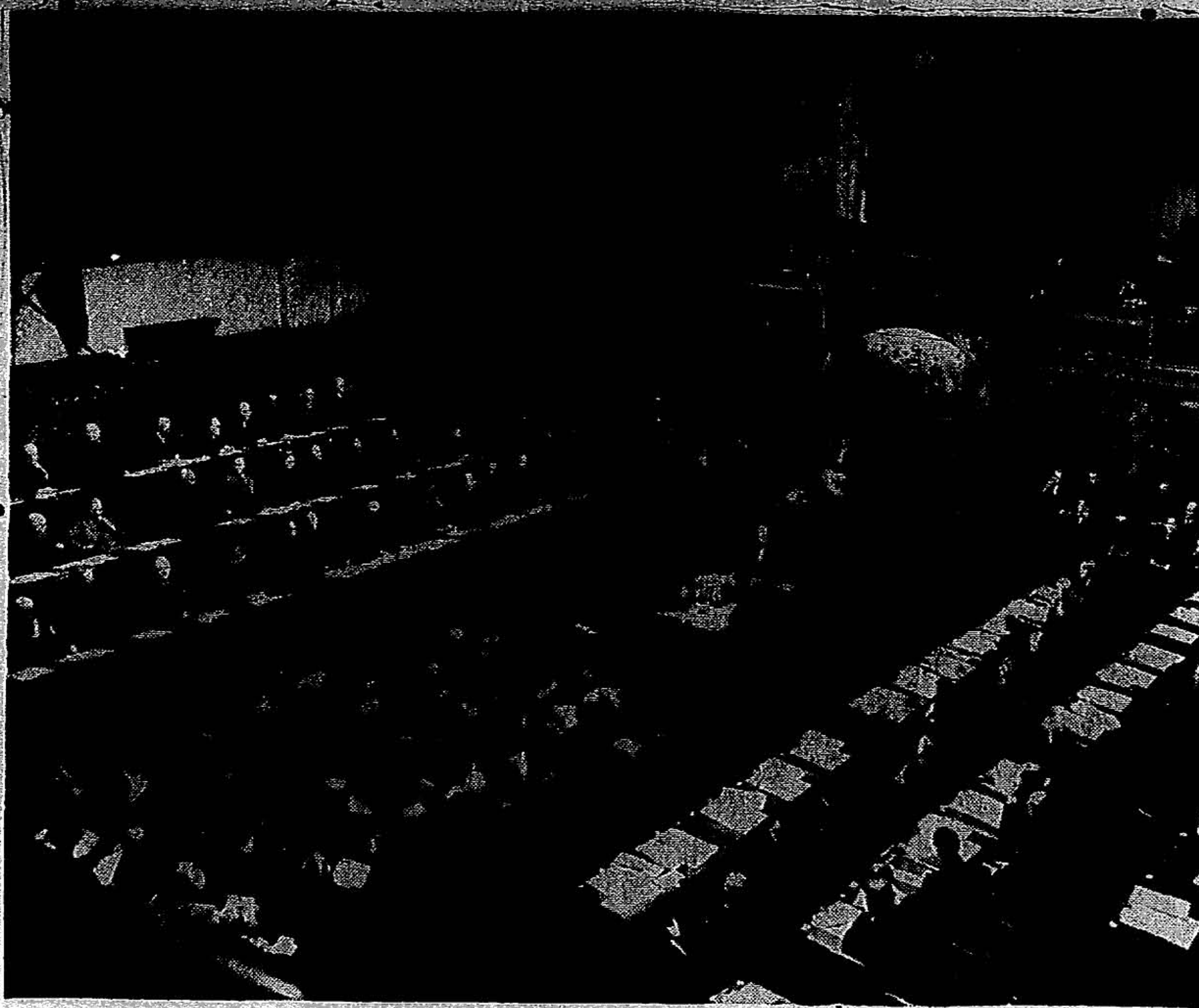
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N.H.S. Commercial Students Tour Davis, Specialty

By JOYCE PORTER

Newmarket—The senior commercial classes of Newmarket high school went on their annual expedition last Wednesday, Feb. 9, when it was decided to explore our own town this year. We visited two prominent Newmarket concerns: the Office Specialty Mfg. Co. Ltd.,

and the Davis Leather Co. Ltd.

After lunch on Wednesday, 35 students with Mr. H. W. Garrett and Mr. R. Dick of the staff were graciously greeted and welcomed by Mr. Spear of the Office Specialty. On behalf of the "Specialty," Mr. Spear presented each student with a thoughtful souvenir of the occasion.

We were shown through the offices in three groups under capable guides. As we passed through the offices we saw many faces we recognized which made the event even more interesting for us.

Systems, types of filing, and machines were explained and demonstrated for our benefit. After the tour everyone went out just a little more intelligent about business offices and routines than upon entering.

Our next stop was at the Davis Leather Co. and we were escorted through the plant by Mr. A. Peppiatt who explained the processes from the time the hides arrived at the plant until they left as beautifully polished pieces of work of all colors.

After leaving the Davis Leather plant, we met again at the King George hotel and were eager partakers of a satisfying dinner.

A visit to the Strand theatre to see their showing of "Tap Roots" gave the right finishing touch to an afternoon and evening filled with different and interesting experiences and sights which gave us all that happy, contented feeling that comes from kindness and a good time.

Ottawa Barrister Was Born in Newmarket

Byron W. Howard, K.C., Ottawa, a prominent barrister who was born in Newmarket, died in his 45th year February 5 at Ottawa. He was killed instantly when his car crashed into a tram on Preston St. Born in Newmarket in 1903, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Howard.

An outstanding lawyer in Ottawa, he was prominent as government prosecutor in the spy trials in 1946. He was a graduate of the University of Toronto and attended Osgoode Hall for his law studies. At the outbreak of the last war he was a member of the law firm of Ewart, Scott, Kelly, Scott and Howard. He enlisted as a private in the 6th Anti-Aircraft Regiment. He returned to Canada from overseas for officers' training school and served overseas again. He was promoted to rank of major in 1944 and in the latter part of the war was engaged in army legal work. He returned to practice in Ottawa where he was appointed a crown prosecutor.

Surviving besides his wife are two sons, Barry and Peter, both at home. An aunt, Mrs. E. S. Cane, lives in Newmarket. He was a step-grandson of Angus Williams, Ottawa, formerly of Newmarket.

The funeral services were held a week ago Tuesday afternoon at the Hulse and Playfair funeral chapel, Ottawa. The Rev. J. P. C. Fraser of Glebe United church conducted the services. Interment was at Pinecrest cemetery.



OTTAWA LETTER

by

"Jack" Smith, M.P.
North York

In the historic Confederation Chamber in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, which I was privileged to visit a couple

of years ago, a tablet commemorating the signing of the Confederation Pact bears the inscription "They builded better than they knew". I was impressed by the inscription at that time and this week in the House of Commons forcibly reminded of its truth. The Father of Confederation "built so well" that here at Ottawa in 1949, Canada's 20th parliament performs the historic task of adding to Canada the last segment of the original plan of the Fathers of Confederation. Today we see the fulfilment of the vision of those who foresaw this union of free people embracing all the territory then known as British North American and extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Two representatives from Newfoundland sat in at the original meeting and there was disappointment that the island did not become a part of Canada in 1867.

All parties here have joined in a whole-hearted and sincere welcome to Newfoundland. There is unanimity on the admission of the new province but some difference of opinion as to methods and terms. There has been some sparring too for political advantage as by-elections in seven constituencies will be held soon to elect members to the House of Commons. The view is held that those in Newfoundland who favored joining Canada will favor the present Liberal government. Those who opposed joining Canada likely will support the opposition. Social legislation, family allowances, old age pensions, allowances for the blind, etc., all will be new to the people of Newfoundland—so will our scale of income taxation. Customs duties have comprised more than 60 percent of the island's national revenue. There are 550 miles of narrow gauge railway which for some time at least likely will go unchanged. The new province will be entitled to six senators which touched off a small debate on the merits of the second chamber and the method of appointment of its members. I have heard expressions from members of different political persuasion and there seems to be a growing sentiment in favor of some method of making the senate an elective body. The Newfoundland discussion may bring to a head this important proposed change in our system of government.

Change in Voting

Speaking of changes in system of government, a bill is before the house recommending the adoption of the single transferable vote for Canadian elections. Variations of this system of voting where the voter records not only his first choice but also his second and third are in use in some provinces. When more than two party candidates are seeking election the proposed system has many commendable features in assuring the election of majority candidates. When a number of candidates contest an election a minority representative may be elected under our pres-

ent system who might not be elected if voters had the opportunity of expressing a secondary choice.

Naturally there was great rejoicing in opposition ranks when a Tory candidate won a by-election in Quebec. The victory increases the Conservative strength in the House to 68 members, compared to the 124 held by the Liberals. The vital point established by the result is that the Duplessis-Drew axis is a reality. The successful candidate had the all-out backing of the isolationist, premier of Quebec—the premier who vigorously opposed Canada's war effort and made a grandstand show when he pulled down the Union Jack from the flagstaff of the Quebec parliament building and hoisted in its place the flag of Quebec. While the candidate ran as a Conservative, the campaign was run by Duplessis' organizers from Quebec, and neither Mr. Drew nor any member of his party in Ottawa appeared in public in the riding during the campaign.

Independent members, well known as Duplessis' collaborators, were the main supporters. There were other factors in the campaign, demand for lower taxes, Canada's co-operation with the United Nations under St. Laurent, etc., but the one big factor in the by-election result is agreed by observers of all political viewpoint was the Duplessis support of Mr. Drew. Whether or not this set-up will be acceptable to the people of Canada remains to be seen but it is well that it has come out into the open in unmistakable colors before a general election is called. Make no mistake about it, the Drew-Duplessis axis is not a political rumor—it is a reality. Some ultra-partisans may like it but I know many in Ontario who know something of the Duplessis' record in Quebec do not relish the association.

Prime minister St. Laurent paid a visit to President Truman. The late President Roosevelt was a good friend of the Canadian government and the fine spirit of co-operation evident in his day has been carried on by Mr. Truman. There was no hiding the fact that there was joy in Liberal government circles here when the president scored his notable victory over the over-confident and over-boastful Republicans last fall. The meeting of the two heads of state this week was a noteworthy event and we have been told was most cordial and successful.

Coming days will reveal that the visit was instrumental in bringing about great co-ordination of the efforts of Canada and the United States in the matter of defence plans, and along economic and diplomatic lines. The proposed North Atlantic Security Pact was one of the main topics of discussion.

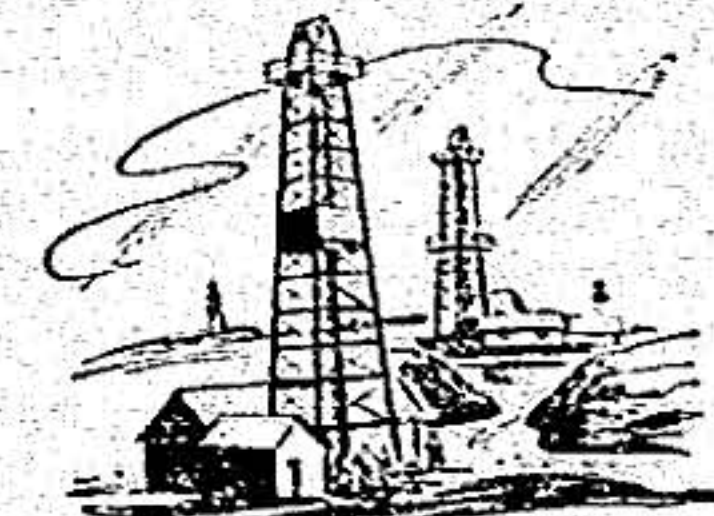
Canada will surpass all previous records for housing in 1949, Hon. Robert Winters, new minister of reconstruction, stated this week. There were 81,000 new housing units completed in 1948, an all-time high record and it is expected to increase this number this year.

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Pages from the Editor's Notebook

We haven't the full details yet—we've written for them and will be able to give them at a later date—but the village of Mount Forest has provided itself with an arena without the benefit of debentures, loans, or big donations. They did it by contributing labor and material.

There have been other centres who have given their communities the facilities they require the same way—in the tradition of barn-raising bees with everyone pitching in with either the skills or the materials he is able to best provide.

Newmarket seems to have gotten away from this tradition of self-help. Its citizens are generous with their funds as witness the number of charitable and service campaigns which are conducted each year and the response they receive. We haven't a bit of doubt that the Recreation Commission will be able to collect all the funds they need.

But the suggestion that we all pitch in with our hammers and nails seems altogether foreign to the town. The commission has had an exceedingly generous offer of skilled labor and materials which will allow a major saving. And earlier in the season, a group of volunteers spent several nights at the arena with paint brush and spray gun giving it a new coat of paint. But this civic minded crew labored alone and despite pleas for aid, received little encouragement.

Perhaps the complex nature of the work is a deterrent although Newmarket has its share of skilled labor. We are inclined to think that it is the loss of a spirit of community cohesiveness as a result of growth. As Newmarket expands, that spirit of neighborly unity is being spread thin. We all share through our donations but when it comes to sharing our labor, it is a different thing.

Possibly our dependence upon machines which make manufacturing processes so different from earlier years, our dependence upon the luxuries of this modern age has deprived us of that certain horny-handed reliance that our forefathers possessed. Certainly there are few in town who can do a full day's work in some other occupation without feeling a heavy strain. Possibly it is lack of leadership that lets us put our hands in our pockets instead of to the actual work. Possibly there are other causes. Whatever the reasons, Newmarket will finance its arena from the pockets of the citizens but we doubt if there will be the same pride in the result that is felt in those centres where it was each man's labor that accomplished the job.

From the Files of 25 and 50 Years Ago

A large number attended the graduation exercises in connection with York County hospital at the Odd-Fellows' hall last Friday, according to the files of 25 years ago. J. F. Harvey was in the chair in the absence of the president, B. W. Hunter. Miss Madeline Case, Aurora, the first graduate of York County hospital training school, was presented with large bouquets of roses by her sister, Miss Betty Case, and Master Joey Dales, on behalf of the hospital staff, Ladies' Hospital Auxiliary and friends.

Rev. Capt. and Mrs. Lawrence, Toronto, attended the Methodist Centennial last Monday and called on all the sick and shut-ins on their former charge.

There was a good crowd at the market last Saturday morning but they did not stay long. Prices remained unchanged, butter was 40-45 cents a lb. and eggs 45-50 cents a doz.

Mrs. Wm. Keith attended the reception given by Mrs. Cockshutt at Government House last Thursday afternoon. She also attended a luncheon on Friday given by Mrs. Forbes Godfrey and Mrs. Wm. Price.

J. W. Widdifield, M.P.P., Uxbridge, was visiting his sister, Mrs. R. Hugo, one day this week.

Louis Pipher has purchased a two-year-old colt named "Kove Jasper". This colt won first prizes at the Canadian National Exhibition and the Royal Winter Fair.

Roy Thorpe, Bradford, had his three barns burned last Thursday. He lost hay, grain, feed, 100 hens, two pairs of ducks, two pigs and a calf, the rest of the livestock was saved. The cause of the fire is a mystery.

Master Freddie Fairman, Keswick, left on Tuesday for Toronto to accompany his grandmother to her home in Vancouver.

The community club of Pine Orchard is having an oyster supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Reid on Tuesday.

The silver cup won by Newmarket curlers in Toronto last week has been on exhibition in Scott's drug store, according to the files of 50 years ago. It is 2 1/2 feet high and has a broom on either side and the top is surmounted by a curler, with the typical tam o'shanter, putting a stone. The inscription reads "Won by Newmarket Curling Club, 1899".

On Tuesday evening there was a family reunion at the home of Isaac Marritt, Keswick. It was his 70th birthday and about 40 of his children and grandchildren met to celebrate the event. He was presented with an armchair.

A fairly good market last Saturday considering the cold. Fresh fish from Lake Simcoe sold at eight cents per lb., dressed chickens at 45 cents a pr. Apples were 20 and 25 cents a peck. Butter went up to 18 cents, but most was sold at 17 cents a lb., fresh eggs were 20 cents a doz.

Jas. Wright, Queensville, has obtained a patent for his buggy cushion invention.

Al Proctor, Aurora, returned from the races on Wednesday. The mayor of Ottawa presented him with a gold mounted purse, containing a \$20 gold piece. It was the mayor's special gift to the first winner on the course. Mr. Proctor was successful in all his entries.

Mrs. C. E. Cane is spending part of the week at W.C.T.U. work in the south part of the county.

Albert Milne, Second St., Queensville, had a runaway with his team one evening last week. He was not hurt but the horses were badly cut up.

Some months ago the Gurney & Tilden Co. of Hamilton offered a prize of a \$40 Souvenir Range for the best essay. Upon Their Ranges to be written by a farmer's wife or daughter. Mrs. Wm. Marritt, Keswick, has been awarded the prize.

The past week has been a record breaker for cold weather. For five mornings the thermometer has been from 13 to 28 degrees below zero. Sunday night at 7 it was 12 below and at 7 a.m. Monday, 28 below.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



A Page of Comment

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The Editorials:

Figures Show Need For School

There is every likelihood that the ratepayers of Newmarket will soon be asked to vote on a debenture by-law to borrow \$140,000 for the construction of a new school.

The proposal for a new school has been bogged down in red tape and misunderstandings ever since it was first made last spring by the public school board to the council. Last week, the council cleared the way to further action on the project by giving second reading to the borrowing by-law and sending it to the municipal board which will decide whether there will be a vote.

In keeping with the policy of other years, there is every reason to believe that the proposal will be put to a vote of the ratepayers. In our opinion, the vote would be purely a matter of procedure since, according to a survey released by the public school board this week, there is no doubt of the need of the new school building.

The survey, made by the Home and School Association under the direction of the president, Mrs. C. E. Wheeland, showed that east of the C.N.R. tracks, in an area serviced by the Alexander Muir school with six classrooms, there are now 207 children of five years and less who will be entering school from next fall forward. A breakdown according to age shows:

One year old and under	58
Two years old	58
Three years old	38
Four years old	30
Five years old (after September)	23
Total	207

West of the tracks, in an area containing Stuart Scott and King George schools with a total of 12 classrooms, the survey shows:

One year old and under	51
Two years old	60
Three years old	31
Four years old	36
Five years old (after September)	20
Total	198

The figures indicate that over a period of the next four years, there will be an average of 100 pupils a year entering the schools with a peak year in 1952. The schools graduate between 65 and 70 pupils each year leaving a balance to be accommodated equal to that of an average class. At the same time, manual training and the domestic science classrooms have had to be pressed into use as ordinary classrooms, so that in addition to the four classrooms which will be needed to accommodate the overflow in the coming years, two rooms for manual training and domestic science will be also required for a total of six rooms.

The site of a new school is also indicated by the results of the survey. The totals of the east and west side pre-school children are about the same. At present, there are 72 nominally east side students in King George and Stuart Scott schools. Finally, there are 12 classrooms on the west side of town compared to six in Alexander Muir school, so that a choice of site on the east side of town is obvious.

The school board does not expect much shift in school population because of the new sub-division at the south-west corner of town. It was found in the survey that most of the east-side pre-school children lived in homes owned by their parents and were not likely to move. Many children on the west side of town may change their addresses as a result of the opening of the sub-division but not their schools.

Ratepayers' Association

A ratepayers' association could perform a real service to Newmarket. Had one been in existence last year, when the question of re-assessment was discussed, it would have been able to offer assistance and advice to the council and to the citizens. For example, it might have encouraged the council in the employment of professional appraisers, something which would have avoided the ill-will and suspicion which the re-assessment has created.

Even now, the formation of a ratepayers' association which would make its duty that of assembling relevant information on assessments and procedure would be valuable to the town. If it were to act as an intermediary between council and court of revision, the two municipal bodies which are responsible for assessments but which are at odds as witness the manner in which the resignation of the assessors is being treated by council, even if it were to effect an understanding between them and then disband, it will have been of inestimable value to Newmarket.

Whose Victory?

The Tory press has been crowing about the by-election victory at Nicolet. They see in it the evidence that the rejuvenated party is truly "on the march" as their new leader, Col. Drew, has said. They see in the campaign returns evidence that Mr. St. Laurent cannot hold his own province. They either do not mention or subordinate the fact that it was the Duplessis machine which carried the riding and not the Progressive Conservatives. Therein is to be found the true measure of this "victory".

Throughout the campaign, no Progressive Conservative party member was to be found in the riding. Not even the party leader made an appearance. The campaign was fought as decreed by the Duplessis machine from first to last. If this is to be the pattern for the forthcoming federal election, what an unholy partnership it will be with Duplessis, the arch-isolationist, the anti-imperialist, campaigning in Quebec while the internationalist, imperialist Drew campaigns in the rest of Canada.

What will be the price if a Tory victory is indeed theirs? How can the party reconcile the two opposites and still maintain a solid front? The Progressive Conservative party is as nothing without the backing of Duplessis in Quebec. His control over the province will represent a constant threat to all to which his partners subscribe. Before the chapter is finished, the Progressive Conservatives will have paid a high price for his support unless they are quit of it soon.

Let Us All Pitch in

The town council's decision to match the recreation commission dollar for dollar on artificial ice is generally approved by the citizens. The council's offer gives solid backing and encouragement to the recreation commission, and represents all that the commission asked of council. It is now up to the citizens whether or not the goal of artificial ice will indeed be met, for they will be approached at an early date for their contributions towards this enterprise.

The way to artificial ice has been greatly smoothed by generous offers of material and labor, amounting in the total to a saving of several thousands of dollars. It would have been a pity indeed to have lost this assistance by a refusal to support the project. If this outstanding example of generosity can be met by others, artificial ice should be a reality in a very short time. Another advantage has been the provincial government's forecast of financial assistance for such projects as contained in the Speech from the Throne.

Artificial ice has been one of the most contentious issues in the town. Now, there have been definite undertakings from council and recreation commission and now is the time for all of us to pitch in and make artificial ice a reality. Other, small centres have contributed far more than Newmarket citizens will be asked for, and with their example and Newmarket's own great need for improved ice facilities, there is no reason why artificial ice cannot be a reality in a short time.

In The Service Of North York

North York's federal representative Mr. J. E. "Jack" Smith, has resumed his weekly letters from Parliament Hill in The Era and Express as a means of acquainting his constituency with what is happening at the capital. Needless to say, they will be followed with interest by all readers, regardless of political affiliation, for he represents all of North York at Ottawa and what he does and says is in the name of all the riding.

Just as important is Mr. Smith's stress upon his availability to all constituents for assistance. He is in Ottawa to serve North York and anyone in the riding who has a problem which comes within his province is encouraged to seek his help. From our own experience, we have no doubt that Mr. Smith will do all he can to provide that help.

The easing of hydro restrictions will be welcomed by Newmarket merchants, and the main stem will again take on its bright appearance at night after some months of darkness.

Aurora has announced that first aid classes will be begun shortly. It is a commendable move. Often it is that knowledge of what to do in emergencies which means the saving of a life.

All North York will join in congratulations to the Mount Albert couple, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lawson, who celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary last Thursday.

Office Cat reports

Catnips By Ginger

Not far out of town in somebody's bush, there lives a hermit named Herman. Herman lives in a cave and I saw him last week sitting before his fire making some stew of a secret formula involving racoon toes and squirrel meal.

"I was once a big time steel magnate," said Herman, "a juggler of stocks and bonds, and I was also first lord of upper society." A political fence sitter, he was when he was a steel magnate and he took advantage of every public construction that needed steel girders.

"And why did you give up your position as a steel magnate when you had all that influence, just to become a hermit, Herman?" I asked.

Said Herman, "The world was getting too crowded with automobiles, tax collectors, politicians and people. It was beginning to get in too big a hurry to go where it doesn't know." "You had a lot of influence," said I, "why didn't you do something about it?"

"After all," he said, "I was only one and my influence was limited. Anyway the income tax was weakening my position. You see, I wasn't married."

"Won't you tell me something about yourself? You must have met a great many interesting people."

"Yes, but it became boring," said Herman.

"What is your favorite food and do you bathe often?" I asked.

"Stew and no," said Herman. "I never take a bath in winter time but I scrub myself with Schomburgk loam once a month in summer when it is dry. I hate water."

"What," said I, "is Schomburgk loam?"

"A light sandy soil in these parts," he said.

"Oh," I said.

Herman the hermit and I sat exchanging compliments to each other while he stirred his stew. He pointed out the important stellar bodies which are stars to you because he had taken up astronomy since he began his hermitude. "Very interesting," I commented to him.

I asked Herman if he was very well known by the natives around the country-side and he said no that I was the first person he had had words with in five years. The last human he had seen was too frightened to be interesting and he never came back again.

I asked him if it was lonely being a hermit and he said no, that he always read Homer when he got lonely and he was all right after reading a bit of Homer. He and Homer had much in common, he said.

"Is there anything more of interest about you which you wish to tell our many readers?" I asked.

"There is very little else," he said, "and now will you go home and let me do some thinking about the cosmos. You ordinary people are always butting into my life and taking up my time. If you keep pestering me every five years, how can I get any deep thinking done?" said Herman.

"You might add that I am a quiet, peace-loving man and loathe publicity," he said.

by "Back Concession" The Top Six Inches

Junior Farmers Conference On Conservation

When our young men and women take a day to study this subject, I think it is time that we older farm people start or at least attempt to put conservation in operation. We expect someone from Ottawa or Toronto to come and tell us what to do. Why not start with our township council? We elect these men for their ability. Most councilmen are paid now. We have a right to ask that some effort be made by the members of all township councils.

They should call a meeting in the two hall and have speakers, have a survey made of all bush lots in the township. Have our solicitor draw up an act or what is necessary to force people to conserve our bush land. This may not suit many people. But this is serious. If soil erosion in the United States could be stopped for 24 hours it would amount to a saving equal to 200 40-acre farms, reports the Friends of the Soil Club.

It takes two acres of soil to support each person with food for a year. When things go wrong we all look to the government to do something when we should remember our only help comes from the soil. The population of the world is increasing and every year one acreage per person is being taken down by erosion of the soil.

Our council could enact a law to have farmers leave small trees or plant a tree for every tree cut. This is done in Europe. Our governments are working on flood control on our large rivers when the place to start is on each farm. Every piece of waste land should be planted in trees. We have a real life society to save our birds. If we had plenty of bush our wild life would look after itself. Poor land makes poor people. Take care of the land and the land will take care of you.

For centuries two-thirds of the people of the world have gone to bed hungry. If the loss of top soil continues, in 50 years nine-tenths will go to bed hungry. In England land has been farmed for 47 generations and is still productive. These farms have a balance of stock, grass land, cultivated land and wood land. We need instruction in proper use of our soil. Do we need a new type farmer who will love the land and not the dollars they get out of our soil? Is our land only to be used and abused? When the stones begin to come up to the top it is not the first but the loss of top soil.

Many farmers are using their soil right but many more are not. Our agricultural representatives know what should be done about erosion. I think the club work could well be left at the present time and our representatives take over conservation. The first thing we would need is some authority for our representatives to work with. It is only a matter of time until we farmers will be told how much land to leave in sod and bush land, etc., so we may as well begin to think these things out. I think erosion is serious enough for our township council to take action. Cheerio!



The state is the servant, not the master, of the people; the state is their guarantee against infringement on their rights, their agent in international and national issues; it is not the function of the state to assume the direction of those activities which rest on individual choice.

Mrs. James Hope is visiting Mrs. Floyd Simpson in Grimsby. Mr. Simpson is in hospital recovering from an operation.

Rev. John MacPherson, Whitevale, occupied the pulpit at Union church on Sunday afternoon. He delivered a splendid message on Reasons for Not Attending Church Service. Rev. MacPherson will be in charge on Sunday, Feb. 20.

Young People's will meet at Union church on Friday night, Feb. 18.

A high school bus service was inaugurated on Monday, Feb. 7, to Newmarket.

Mr. Wm. Lundy visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grindall in Toronto recently.

Sorry to hear Mr. Grindall is seriously ill and hope to hear of an improvement.

The W.I. annual family night held at Union church on Wednesday night, Feb. 9, was a grand success. A delicious supper was served by the ladies followed by excellent program opened by singing Faith of Our Fathers, repeating The Lord's Prayer and reading minutes of last W.I. meeting. Mrs. Mel McMillen was chairman.

Splendid selections were sung by Gormley quartet of Messrs. Farmer, Atkinson, Harvey and Stouffer. Young Misses Jeanne and Mary Lehman sang sweetly. Five piano duets were played by Mr. Lloyd Heaslip and Miss Betty Hope. A humorous playlet by

Mrs. Rae McClure, Mrs. D. Hope, Mrs. W. Johnson, Mrs. H. Lehman and Mrs. R. Armitage completed the program.

Rev. and Mrs. R. R. McMath were present. Pleased to have them with us.

A local man, Mr. Jack Sytema, has recently joined the automatic refrigeration service of Toronto. Last week they were granted the tender on all refrigeration supplies of the rehabilitation school at Ryerson Institute of Technol-

SCOUT BANQUET

Newmarket — The annual Father and Son banquet for Scouts and Cubs and their Dads will be held at the Scout hall on Friday, Feb. 25, at 6:30 p.m. Invitations will be issued.

Mount Albert Couple Have 71st Anniversary

The February meeting of the Women's Institute was held Thursday at the home of Mrs. Bruce Holling with 32 ladies present. Arrangements were made for a card party in the hall on Thursday, Feb. 24, and a minstrel show on May 7, also in the hall. March meeting will be in the form of a banquet.

The program for the afternoon was a lecture on teen-agers by Miss McBride of the department. This was the second meeting of a short course to be completed Thursday of this week.

Mrs. J. T. Crozier and Mrs. D. McIntyre spent the weekend with friends in Montreal.

Moving pictures in the town hall on Saturday evening, Feb. 26, put on by the National Film Board. Suitable for children and grown-ups, they are sponsored by the Women's Institute.

Your last invitation to attend the United church Sunday-school "at home" on Friday, Feb. 18.

The W.M.S. meeting of the United church was held on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Horace Pearson with 14 ladies present. Mrs. Arnot Harrison and Mrs. Theaker were in charge of the program. Mrs. Theaker gave the Study Book, "Literature for the Newly Literate", presenting the story of the Canadian Mission Press in Chengtu from Dr. Beaton's book, West of the Gorges. A book it would be well for all to read.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Price spent Sunday in Toronto.

Miss Mamie Shapter, Alton, was home at the parsonage over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Allison and Betty, Toronto, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Degeer, Toronto, spent the weekend with Mrs. W. D. Stokes.

As next week is C.G.I.T. week across Canada, Rev. Shapter will speak to them at the morning service of the United church.

MOUNT ALBERT

Mount Albert—Thursday, Feb. 10, was a red letter day in the history of Mount Albert as a rare occasion took place when Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Lawson celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary at the home of their son, Kenneth. Mr. Lawson is 95 and Mrs. Lawson 91, both remarkably bright and smart. They enjoyed their party at which they received a message of congratulations from the king and queen and a beautiful scroll from the province of Ontario, both of which they were proud. Besides these many more telegrams and cards were read while gifts of flowers, candy and fruit, etc., were received from the many callers who in the afternoon and evening extended congratulations.

Mr. Lawson was born at Port Perry and Mrs. Lawson (Mary J. McCreuther) was born at Holland Landing and married at Queensville in 1878. They have lived in Peterboro, Toronto and three years ago came to Mount Albert with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lawson. Of a family of 14 children, eight are living. Mrs. John Trotter, Peterboro, Mrs. Arch Moshier, Highland Creek, Mrs. Thomas Rae, Mrs. Gladys Coulough, Mrs. William Silks, Ernest and Gordon Lawson, all of Toronto, Ken, Mount Albert. There are also in the family 19 grand-children, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter and a great-great-grandson, born on the 71st anniversary day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson are a wonderful example of a happy couple who have lived long and well and as they say, they have enjoyed every minute of it.

POTTAGEVILLE

A number of the neighbors were paid a surprise visit by Mrs. Dan Emmerson, Haliburton, last Thursday. We were glad to see Mrs. Emmerson looking well and she wished to be remembered to everyone whom she didn't have time to call on. Mrs. Emmerson has been staying with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Emmerson, Nobleton.

Mr. Keith Blackburn and his little brother, Lyle, called on their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Blackburn, on Sunday.

Mr. Coddlin and Mr. Wooster, Toronto, visited Mr. Ed O'Brien on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Snider, Toronto, visited Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn on Sunday.

A few of the members of Northview 415 Lodge visited King City lodge on Saturday.

Miss Kay West spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. West.

GLENVILLE

The Glenville Ladies' Aid meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Geo. Wray on Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Doan and little daughter, Beverly, Winnipeg, Man., are spending ten days with Mr. Doan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Doan.

Mrs. John King, Toronto, spent the weekend with her father, Mr. Roy Sharpe.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry DeVries had Sunday tea with Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Doan.

Former District Minister Rev. A. M. Partridge Dies

Queensville — The interment was at Queensville February 2 for Rev. Allan Manly Partridge, 427 Mark St., Peterboro, who died at his home January 31. He was the minister at Mark St. United church, Peterboro, and he formerly had charges at Beaver-ton, Maple, Queensville, Coldwater and Uno Park.

He was born at Barrie, November 10, 1887, and married Katie Dean Bower, June 12, 1918. He was a member of Corinthian, A.F. and A.M., Peterboro Lodge No. 111, I.O.O.F. and the Peterboro Curling club.

Surviving is a grandson, Allan Murdoch Partridge. His only son, P.O. William John Desmond Partridge, killed in World War II, attended Pickering College 1941-42. He was a brother of Miss Eva Partridge and Horace, both of Barrie.

Funeral services were held at Mark St. United church, Peterboro. Pallbearers were F. Barrie and A. Pringle, Peterboro, C. Smith, G. McMillan, Beaverton, R. Caldwell, Newmarket, and M. Kinnee, Maple.

HOPE

Hope W.A. meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. George Barker on March 2.

Sympathy is extended to the Misses Maud and Bertha Fairbairn in the loss of their brother, Mr. Will Fairbairn.

Little Miss Carol Eves has returned home from hospital after having her appendix removed, and pneumonia. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The W.A. quilted two quilts last Wednesday at Sharon hall. We wish to thank the ladies from Queensville and Sharon who so willingly assisted.

Mrs. Archie Dike was taken to York County hospital on Monday afternoon. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Robt. Graves, Newmarket, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Howard Pegg.

Mrs. Jim Breen is still confined to bed, very seriously ill. May we all remember her in gifts and cards and by our prayers.

There was no church service on Sunday as Rev. Warren was ill with flu and several homes in our community also had the sickness. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barker had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pegg on Thursday.

Mrs. Lillian Boyd, Orillia, is spending a short time with Mrs. Sheldon Walker and friends in the community. We are all happy to see her smiling face among us again.

Please observe the World Day of Prayer March 4 in the Anglican church.

VANDORF

Miss Betty Moddle entertained several young people of this community at a Valentine Party. Everyone reports an enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Dunn, Toronto, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. S. Aylett.

Mrs. Roy Morley, Mrs. W. Powell, Mr. W. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Oliver attended the funeral of their cousin, Mr. Wilnot Atkinson, Stayner.

Mrs. H. A. White and daughter, Ruth, spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Grant Morley.

Miss Ethel Carrigan, Toronto, spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. James Wright.

Mr. Allan Cliff, Vancouver, called on Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Switzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gill, Port Credit, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Switzer.

Mrs. H. A. Switzer is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ledson, at Dixie.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Pogue and daughters, Martha-Ann and Carolyn, were guests at a Valentine party at the home of Miss Ada Pogue, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. John Irwin and children spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. John Irwin, Stouffville.

The Vandorf social club is holding its euchre party in Vandorf hall on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 8:15 sharp. Everyone is welcome.

HOLLAND LANDING

Christ Church Guild was held at the home of Mrs. J. Kitching with 12 members and three visitors present. The meeting opened with prayer. Mrs. E. Thompson and Mrs. J. Thackham were elected to represent the Guild on the Church and Cemetery Maintenance Committee. Mrs. W. Dean was elected to represent the Guild on the parish council, and \$25 was voted to Rev. Puxley in aid of missions.

A quilting will be held at the home of Mrs. S. R. Goodwin on February 16. The meeting closed with prayer after which a delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Kitching.

W.A. MEETS

Aurora—The regular meeting of Trinity W.A. was held on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. Judd, Larmount St.

MOUNT ALBERT

Mr. and Mrs. James Jarvis, Stouffville, were guests on Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Murv Connell, Keswick, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. Carr.

The Canadian Legion is sponsoring a Boy Scout organization and a meeting was held in the hall on Monday evening to register and get things under way. This should be a fine thing for the boys and deserves the help of the community as a whole.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Burnham who on Saturday pass their 59th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Harry Draper and Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Draper, Dianne and Gary, Mrs. Doris Stewart, Mr. Ronald Draper and Miss Eleanor Simpson spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Draper.

ZEPHYR

A large number attended the W.M.S. meeting at the home of Mrs. A. Arnold last Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Thelma Meyers and Mr. Ralph Meyers spent the weekend at their home.

The Y.P.S. is planning to have a skating party on Wednesday evening, Feb. 23.

Miss Ina Walker entertained some of her friends on Saturday evening.

Miss Marion Lockie and Mr. Bob Walkey spent the weekend at her home.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Curl in the loss of their home by fire on Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mitchell, Stouffville, visited Mr. and Mrs. James Galbraith on Thursday evening.

The hall board is having a euchre party in the hall on Thursday evening, Feb. 17.

Mrs. Chesley Clark is reported improving after undergoing an operation last Wednesday. Miss Jean Clark is also improving as well as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Parker and Peggy visited Mr. and Mrs. James Galbraith on Sunday.

Miss Ina Walker and Mr. Clarkson Arnold visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Curl at Willowdale on Sunday.

Miss Olive Meyers spent the weekend at her home.

Mr. George Weller spent a few days last week visiting relatives and friends.

BROWNHILL

Mr. and Mrs. Amos York, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell attended an anniversary party in King twp. last Saturday.

Mrs. Wilfred Sedore (Ruby King) has arrived home with her new baby girl which we understand is going to be named Marilyn. May we extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Sedore.

Miss Elaine Longhurst has been seriously ill with rheumatic fever and we are glad to report Elaine is getting much better.

Mr. Alex. Dowell has had a bad accident while working with lumber and spikes. One of the spikes flew up and broke his glasses and some of the glass went into his eye. It required the doctor's attention to remove the glass.

Mr. Dowell, Sr., has had several bad attacks because of his heart condition and hasn't been able to take the long jaunts he always was accustomed to. It is to be hoped he will not have any more attacks as they are quite serious.

Mr. John Mitchell and Mr. Hilliard Miller spent last Thursday visiting in Toronto.

Mr. Dufferin Sedore and Mr. Charles Mitchell attended the Legion meeting at Sutton Monday evening.

Mr. Edgar Nickles, Nova Scotia, visited a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rose and left for his home Sunday. He was motoring all the way. We were disappointed that Mrs. Nickles (Vivian Rose) was not able to accompany her husband this trip but are looking forward to a visit next summer. Mrs. Nickles and children are all quite well.

We at Brown Hill had an enjoyable afternoon at the school house on February 14 when Mrs. Stan Cain, the school teacher, extended an invitation to the parents and folks of Brown Hill to attend the Valentine party. Quite a gay time was had when the game of musical hearts was played. Many beautiful performances were given by the pupils who sang various songs. Mr. Benjamin Leitch sang two songs well and played the piano. There was a lovely lunch and cocoa for the children which Pauline Sedore, Marie King, Evelyn Clodd, Noreen Miller and Doreen Sedore all helped serve. The cocoa was made by Mrs. Les Nelson, Mrs. A. Rose and Mrs. Alvin Rose. It was pleasant to see the new babies present at the school. Mrs. Bob Cryderman had her little man there too.

Congratulations to Mrs. Sarah Miller whose birthday was on February 14, and to Mrs. Benny Leitch whose birthday was on February 15. We do hope they had happy birthdays.

There were quite a lot of folk attending Sunday-school but most of us were sorry not to see Mrs. Bosko and Floyd. We hope that they are both well and with us next Sunday to see three more names added to the cradle roll.



Foote-Notes

BY WILLIAM FOOTE
AURORA EDITOR

Was meandering slowly down the main drag the other evening chasing down a report of a fight. (It turned out to be Tom Swindle's tabby yowling the ear off Harold Clark's pet Persian on Dr. Rose's back 50.) It was around 1 a.m. of a Sunday morn and Aurora was its usual self. Car horns honked, and motorcycles whizzed by, exhausts wide open. Drunks slid out of restaurants to lie prone on the street until assisted on their way by less inebriated playmates while sporadic fighting could occasionally be observed wherever a crowd gathered. The air was rent with raucous cries tastefully mingled with curses. The Bradford tourists had returned home and everyone was taking a final fling at a well-flung evening.

From the corner of Yonge and Wellington Sts. came the most violent, rotten, obscene cursing it has been my misfortune to hear. Scarcely believing my ears I turned around expecting to see a gang from Toronto. Sad to relate, this was far from the case. Our foul-mouthed fugitives from a mental purge were local talent. Aurora girls in the 11 to 16 years age bracket.

This disgraceful exhibition reflects a complete lack of moral and social development. We must assume a complete lack of home training and inadequate parental supervision.

This was not an isolated case but one of many instances. Make no mistake. It is not a prurish nature which impels this discussion. It is not the complete filth and obscenity of their language as such with which we must concern ourselves. Rather, we must beware of what this type of conduct will lead to.

If these children were quite small the blame could be laid on their ignorance. But these girls, and boys too, are of an age capable of appreciating the correct

conduct of the individual in public. Apparently they don't, or at any rate choose not to do so. They carry on in public with a flagrant disregard for others and their rights. Not adverse to accepting a drink, a number regularly appear tipsy.

The parents are to blame for this. Why let their children, who are mentally still at all hours of the day and night exceeds the bounds of both imagination and reason. Children not capable of being on the street alone are carefully guarded for fear of accidents. Neither are these children, whose moral and social development is nil capable of being out in public alone. They simply do not know how to behave in public, and that's all there is to it.

If parents are disinterested in, unwilling to, or incapable of training their children properly then it is up to the town to impose a curfew or some other means of stringent supervision, if only to protect the name of the town. Psychology, while excellent in many ways, would undoubtedly be incapable of penetrating to any degree their thick little skulls if applied en masse. Though the hides of these kids be tough, the firm application of a broad flat object to their posteriors with an adequate number of pounds per square inch would undoubtedly have a desirable effect.

The children that have been referred to here are only a small percentage of Aurora's youngsters. They are still capable, however, of rendering black the name of an otherwise ideal town. The future of Aurora is its youth. They will some day run this town and handle its businesses. They will raise families. They must learn the rules and laws of social living now.

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Text Of Mayor's Talk

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Being the mayor of Newmarket is a position that has both advantages and disadvantages but actually one of its more pleasant aspects is the right to take advantage of an opportunity such as this and tell everybody something about the town.

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Trinity W.A. Hold Valentine Tea, Sale

Newmarket—A most successful afternoon tea and bake sale was held by the Women's Association of Trinity United church on Friday afternoon. Receiving the guests were Mrs. Henry Cotton and Mrs. J. E. Morris.
The room was appropriately decorated with red hearts set in a frilly background of white lace doilies. Each tea table was centred with a red rose and on the head table were more red roses. The beautiful decorations drew much attention and praise from the large group present. Even the weather conspired to make the event a success and a warm, homey atmosphere prevailed within. Pouring tea were Mrs. Howard Cane and Mrs. C. G. Wainman. Mrs. C. S. Gilbert was in charge of the tea tables.

2nd Veterans' Pilgrimage To Newmarket June 19

Newmarket—Plans are shaping up for the second annual pilgrimage of the Newmarket Veterans' Memorial at the cemetery on Sunday, June 19, when units of the Canadian Corps Association from Niagara Falls, N.Y., to Kingston will be present for the services.

A sports day and Forget-Me-Not Day are planned. Proceeds of sports day will help the cost of playing host to veterans. A draw is being held on a car, tickets for which can be had from any Newmarket Veterans' Association member.

Aurora P.C.'s Elect Floyd E. Corner

Aurora—At the annual meeting of the Aurora Progressive Conservative Association February 12, Floyd E. Corner was elected president. The meeting was held at the Oddfellows' Hall. Other officers are: hon. pres., Charles A. Malby, Asa A. Cook; pres., Floyd E. Corner; first vice pres., Mrs. Irma McEae; second vice pres., Alex. Bell; third vice pres., Asa A. Cook; sec., Mrs. Gertrude Hulse; treas., Miss E. S. Carrick.

C. of C. To Elect Officers At Scout Hall Monday

Newmarket—The election of officers for the Newmarket Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday, Feb. 21, in the Boy Scout hall at 8 p.m. Members are urged to be on hand and to bring a prospective member. The following are those nominated last week. Other nominations will be accepted from the floor Monday. Eleven are to be elected. They will then elect their officers.
Nominations:
Del Gibeby, Art Lord, Russell Broadbent, Henry Moore, Harry Holmes, Charles Boyd, Frank Courtney, George Phimister, E. J. Davis, Elton Armstrong, Bert Morrison, Bob MacGuire;
Elman Campbell, Horace Hiscoc, Cecil Taylor, Bill Warden, Jack Luck, Cyril Gibbons, Earle Weddell, Tommy Surgeoner, Doug Campbell, Joe Dales, Harold Gibson;
Eugene McCaffrey, Chester Best, Tom Ewing, Doug May, Harry Hooker, Bob Crowder, Mrs. Lillian Rank, Mrs. F. N. Chandler, Maurice Hall, Alex. Eves.

675 Pupils Enrolled In Public Schools

Newmarket — The enrolment at the public schools is now 675, according to H. A. Jackson at the school board meeting last Friday night. Boys number 355 and girls, 310.
Enrolment at the Stuart Scott school is 218, Alexander Muir, 221, and the King George, 236. Attendance percentage in the last month was 94.59 and there was an attendance loss of 733 days.

Hi-Lights of N.H.S.

By BARBARA BONNELL.
Taking the week's highlights in order, the first one is the girls' basketball games at Aurora on Tuesday, Feb. 8. The juniors won with a score of 20-9, while the seniors went down 24-12. The exceptional players on the junior team were Pauline Bovair and Carmen Taylor. The boys' game at St. Andrew's the same day resulted in the score of 44-15 for Newmarket with special mention going to Gerry Hugo.
The assembly on Thursday was handled by form XA. A trio of Donald Budd, Ross Cotton and Don Brice singing Down by the Old Mill Stream was featured. Added attractions were a short skit and a quiz program with contestants from the other forms.
In basketball on Friday, the senior boys were trounced by Pickering, and the juniors won 54-20.
Both the boys and girls were active in basketball on Monday. The junior boys went to Richmond Hill and lost 14-11. At the same time

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Young? Hopefuls

By DONOTY MUIR BOWMAN

Penny, age five years, has fought against going to bed for the past two years. Until lately, her excuses for not going to bed have been varied. Lately, she has been alternating between the bathroom stand-by and a sick tummy. Mother confesses to being taken in by these two excuses, because Penny exhibits results to substantiate their validity. Penny convinced her mother that she was putting her to bed too soon after her dinner. So to avoid constitutional upsets on Penny's part, she allowed the child to distract her for an extra hour at bedtime. Situation: wise Penny and a foolish mother.

After Penny started to kindergarten, she became friends with Betty. Then, Penny's mother and Betty's mother became friends. It seems Betty's mother had never had trouble getting Betty to go to bed; she had taught her to regard her bed as a happy, safe place to dream.

Penny's mother discussed the matter with Penny. Penny told her mother that she would go to bed like Betty if she had a nice bed like Betty's. Actually, structurally speaking, there was little difference in the two beds. True, Penny's blanket was blue and Betty's was pink. It was decided to exchange blankets and see what happened. The exchange wouldn't bother Betty and might elevate Penny's opinion of her own bed. This experiment is still in its trial stages, but indications are it is proving successful.

In the early beginnings of children's lives they can be helped to like their beds or assisted to dislike them—according to the use made of them by their guardians. For example, children, who are put to bed for punishment or just to get them out of the way, are being assisted to dislike their beds. On the other hand, children who are tucked in their beds with loving care, a happy thought and a little prayer learn to like their beds and the quiet time of dreaming.

Beds should be used for a safe place of rest and comfort—never, ever as a threat or punishment.

Mrs. M. E. R. Boudreau Guide Ass'n. President

Newmarket—The annual meeting of the Girl Guide Local Association was held in St. Paul's parish hall February 9 with Mrs. M. E. R. Boudreau, district Guide commissioner, presiding.

The following officers were elected: pres., Mrs. M. E. R. Boudreau; vice pres., Mrs. B. L. Sinclair; sec.-treas., Mrs. Elman Campbell; badge sec., Mrs. S. W. Otton; telephone committee, Mrs. George Stuart, Mrs. John King, Mrs. C. E. McDonald, Mrs. Chas. Wass.

Plans were completed for a sale of homemade candy to be held at the Dramatic club presentation on March 10, 11 and 12. The next meeting of the association will be on March 9. All mothers of Brownies and Guides are invited to attend and give their active support to the movement in Newmarket.

Mrs. R. V. Smith Heads V.O.N. Committee

Aurora—The role of the V.O.N. in preventative medicine was one of several topics discussed by Dr. Gordon Bates when he spoke before the annual meeting of the Victorian Order of Nurses, Aurora branch, on February 14. Dr. Bates, head of the Health League of Canada, discussed the subject of health in general.

In the course of the meeting the following officers were elected: hon. pres., Mayor Dr. Crawford Rose; hon. vice pres., Mrs. Lorne Lee; pres., Mrs. R. V. Smith; first vice pres., Dr. A. W. Boland; second vice pres., Mrs. Wm. Milgate; sec., Mrs. Thomas Dan; treas., Mrs. E. R. Youngs; members of board, Mrs. D. Babcock, Mrs. J. H. Buchanan, Mr. C. Copland, Dr. E. J. Henderson, Mrs. G. Rowat, H. Pringle, Mrs. C. Rose, Mrs. C. Spence, Dr. J. L. Urquhart, Mrs. A. E. Cousins; representatives of the Women's Institute, Mrs. F. H. Underhill; auditor, Mr. G. H. Morrison.

Evening Auxiliary Meets At Trinity United

Newmarket — The Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Trinity United church met in the Sunday-school room February 8 with a good attendance. Mrs. G. E. Case convened the worship service and introduced the Study Book, West of the Gorges, by K. J. Beaton. Mrs. Jefferson assisted. Mrs. Case is giving a summary of the first two chapters. They told of the Chinese customs before and after the coming of Christianity, especially those relating to the place of women in Chinese society. Mrs. R. D. Brown was soloist, singing "I'll Not Pass This Way Again."

Of Interest to Women

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Newmarket Social News

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—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fairley and family of Guelph spent Sunday with Mr. E. M. Fairley.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Patterson visited friends in Toronto on Sunday.

—Mrs. A. L. Pickard, Toronto, accompanied by her children, Linda and Susan, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Boyd.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dixon, Toronto, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Rogers.

—Misses Kathleen and Frances Miller, accompanied by Miss Elsie Wilson, spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Miller. All are attending the University of Toronto.

—Mrs. C. D. Barber and Donna on Tuesday visited the Thorne European Rooms in miniature on display at the Art Gallery of Toronto.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Guthrie, Toronto, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morris.

—Mrs. Larry Thiverge and daughters, Wilda and Eleanor of St. Catharines, spent Sunday with Mrs. Thiverge's mother, Mrs. Annie Sanderson.

—Robert McCleary, Toronto, was the weekend guest of Murray MacDonald.

—Rev. and Mrs. Percy Powell are spending a few days this week in Toronto visiting friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin and family visited Mr. and Mrs. George Nichols, Toronto, on Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. Harrison, Stroud, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Best.

—Mrs. Gordon Hodgins, Toronto, spent a few days last week in town visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Manock, and her sister, Mrs. Lloyd Powell.

—Master Gary Morton has returned home to Baldwin after spending six weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morton.

—Miss Marion Gibson, ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gibson, returned on Saturday from a two months' trip to the west coast.

—Mrs. N. L. Mathews attended the opening ceremonies of the 23rd Legislature at Queen's Park, last Thursday, and later attended the reception of the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Ray Lawson at the Lieutenant Governor's suite.

—Mrs. Ethel Morton returned last Thursday to her home in Baldwin after being a patient at York County hospital and is convalescing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morton.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Keay and son, Glenn, accompanied by Mrs. Mazo Eade and Miss Marion Gibson, returned on Saturday from an extended trip to the west coast. Away for two months, they travelled over 7,000 miles, visiting at Roblin and Bield, Man., with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Deines at their former home, Calgary, Alta., with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coxson, Hope, B.C., with Mr. and Mrs. C. James, Kamloops, B.C., at Kelowna, B.C., with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chase and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shiner, and at Vancouver. They visited Miss Thirza Sanborn at Seattle, Washington, and on the return trip visited relatives and friends in Little Falls and Swanville, Minnneapolis, Strathroy, Delaware, Kitchener, with the last stop being made at Lorne Park College, Port Credit.

—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Webster and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Robinson were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Webster, Kettleby.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Sanderson, Bowmanville, visited over the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shropshire.

—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin and family had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williamson, Aurora.

—Misses Edith and Nora Powell, Toronto, spent the weekend in town.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bob Holmes and children of Toronto visited Mrs. Holmes' aunt, Mrs. Charles Stickwood, for a few days last week.

Study Group Discusses Discipline For Children

Newmarket—The Home Study Group of the Newmarket Home and School Association met at the Alexander Muir school on Wednesday evening. Mrs. A. A. Baile took charge of the meeting which dealt with the topic, "Discipline for the school-age child as laid down in Dr. Karl Bernhard's bulletin."

Questions raised were: What are the situations in which parents have the most difficulties with school-age children? How do the principles discussed in Dr. Bernhard's book apply? What are some of the requirements for the school-age child?

Eating problems — are rewards ever justified? How much freedom can the school child be given? How often should parents review and modify the requirements?

An active discussion was held on each question with everyone participating. The next home study meeting will be held in the Alexander Muir school Feb. 23. The topic will be "Learning to work (how to use spare time) and handle money." The chairman will be Mrs. Robert Morrison, assisted by Miss Richardson and Mrs. Elman Campbell.

Couple Wed At HOME OF MINISTER

The home of Rev. and Mr. J. Vandermeer was the scene of a double-ring wedding ceremony when Miss F. DeVlaming of the Netherlands became the bride of Mr. G. Marits. The bride looked lovely in a pale blue suit with navy blue accessories and carried a bouquet of red roses and fern. A wedding reception was held at the home of Mr. Marits. The couple hope to take up residence on the Holland Marsh.

Couple Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Island Grove — A party was held in the honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. Keetch, Island Grove, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on February 13. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stevenson, Keswick, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Gordon, Keswick, Mr. and Mrs. H. Davis, Island Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stevenson, Roche's Point, Mr. and Mrs. Onze, Roche's Point, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Keetch, Island Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Stevenson and son, Bruce, Toronto, also Miss Betty Keetch, Island Grove.

Master of ceremonies was Mr. Merlin Gordon. Solos were sung by Mr. Herman Stevenson and Mr. W. Keetch. Later on in the program were solos sung by Mr. Onze and Mr. Murray Stevenson. A small old fashioned dance was given by Mrs. H. Davis.

Lunch was served by Mrs. M. Keetch and Miss Betty Keetch. The anniversary cake was a two-story, nicely decorated with pink rose buds. The party broke up all hours of the morning. An enjoyable evening was spent by all.

First Aid Course Planned in Aurora

Aurora—It has been announced that the St. John's Ambulance course of first aid will be instituted in Aurora shortly. The course will be of seven weeks duration, one meeting being held each Friday evening at 8 p.m. The lectures will be delivered by Dr. Crawford Rose who will be assisted by Harry Jones and Stewart Patrick. Examinations will be tried following the completion of the course.

Match Wits With Sons Invitation to Fathers

Newmarket — The public school oratorical contests will be held at the Feb. 22 meeting of the Home and School Association. It will commence promptly at 8 p.m. and will be held in St. Paul's Parish hall. A short quiz between the fathers and sons will be conducted. Musical numbers by the school children under the direction of Herman Fowler, Mus. Bac., will complete the program. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited to this meeting. Fathers come and match your wits against your sons!

Parochial Guild Has Successful Euchre

Aurora — A successful euchre and bridge was held in Trinity Hall on Tuesday evening sponsored by Trinity Parochial Guild. The following were the prize-winners: door prize, Mrs. G. Barrager; euchre prizes, ladies first, Mrs. J. Goulding, second, Mrs. Clair White, third, Miss B. McCharr; men's first, Mr. O. Judd, second, Mrs. R. D. Hodgkinson, third, Mrs. Ken Rose; bridge prizes: men's first, Mr. Harry Fry, second, Mr. L. C. Lee; ladies' first, Mrs. L. C. Lee, second, Mrs. Ester King.

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		Fresh COD FILLETS	lb. 37c

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DOMINION

Newmarket — Last Thursday afternoon, the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's church held its monthly devotional and business meeting in the parish hall, having the new deputy officer, Mrs. Norman Chatterley, St. Mary's church, Richmond Hill, as guest speaker. Miss Robinson, deputy secretary of the same parish, accompanied her.

Mrs. Chatterley and Miss Robinson have taken the places of Mrs. Austin Haines and Mrs. Arthur Evans of the Newmarket branch who resigned at the last deacony meeting held at Schomberg last June. They were warmly welcomed by all the members.

Today they are resuming their weekly Dorcas work under the new Dorcas superintendent, Mrs. S. Third. The Parochial Guild met last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. G. Hinton, Bots-

ATTEND FUNERAL
Newmarket — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prest spent the weekend in Woodstock and attended the funeral of Mr. L. R. (Logie) Bell (late of the Imperial Oil).

ford St., when there was a shower of food in aid of the British family they have adopted. The Guild is working hard to complete plans for their Shamrock Tea to be held Thursday, March 17.

On Monday evening, Feb. 21, there will be a meeting of those interested in forming an evening branch of the Woman's Auxiliary at the rectory at 8 o'clock.

The rector and warden are glad to announce the completion of the rewiring of the church, the work being done by Mr. Lecuyer, Sharon.

Newmarket Hort. Society Elects Arnold Reinke

Newmarket—Arnold A. Reinke was elected president of the Newmarket Horticultural Society at the recent annual meeting. The Sunday-school room of Trinity United church was crowded with local gardening enthusiasts who appreciated in full the excellent program provided. Reports on the year's activities disclosed that three flower shows, three lectures, four board meetings and three open meetings had been held in 1948. Civic improvement included the planting of flower boxes at the municipal buildings, the planting of annuals in flower beds around the town, and the establishing of a peren-

nial bed for the future use of society members. A weekly gardening column was conducted in The Era and Express. One delegate was sent to the annual horticultural convention in Niagara Falls. Juvenile work consisted of the sponsoring of a wild flower essay contest in the spring and in the fall, the distribution of 500 narcissi to the school children. Shrubs and other plants were purchased at a considerable discount through the society for many of the 193 members.

The following slate of officers was elected: pres., Arnold Reinke; first vice-pres., Frank Hastings; second vice-pres., Orley Hayes; sec.-treas., Mrs. Nelson Ion; directors elected this year: Howard Hugo, Miss Helen McBride, Howard Proctor, Edgar Brammer, Mrs. Charles Harman; directors elected last year: Rudy Rensius, Russell Hughes, James Gibney, Miss Eva Barnes, John Daly;

Auditors, J. D. Stevenson, E. E. Willis; committee convenors, show committee, Russell Hughes; civic improvement, Frank Hastings; purchasing, Eugene McCaffrey; membership, George Hoare; juvenile, John O'Halloran; program, Mrs. John Meyer; social, Mrs. George Ruddock; newspaper gardening column, Arnold Reinke.

Laurie Cane was presented with a Diploma of Merit for his many years of service to the community through the society. Mr. James Gibney won the T. Eaton Trophy for 1948, awarded to the winner with the highest standing in the three flower shows.

Guest speaker was N. J. Scott, B.S.A., M.Sc., manager of Brookside Kingsway Nurseries. He gave an extremely interesting and informative talk on the landscaping of the small home. This was followed by a lively discussion period and two silent films—ones which are presented to the supervisors of the Veterans' Land Act. Mr. Scott gave a practical demonstration of proper pruning methods explaining in detail each step in the operation.

H. A. Jackson presented two excellent color motion pictures, "Climbing Plants," and "Growth of Flowers." The meeting closed with a social half-hour when refreshments were served by Mrs. Ruddock and her committee.

BIRTHDAY CLUB

Birthday wishes are extended this week to:

Carol Lynn Evans, Newmarket, two years old on Sunday, Feb. 6.
Patsy Milgate, Aurora, four years old on Thursday, Feb. 10.
Doris Edith Brandon, R. R. 3, Newmarket, seven years old on Friday, Feb. 11.

Ruth Shunk, R. R. 2, Newmarket, 13 years old on Friday, Feb. 11.

Ronald Arthur Simmons, Newmarket, 12 years old on Friday, Feb. 11.

Johnny Ennis, Orillia, four years old on Friday, Feb. 11.

Judith Mary Ann Racine, Newmarket, seven years old on Friday, Feb. 11.

Auldene Dike, Mount Albert, nine years old on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Virginia Boyd, Newmarket, six years old on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Wayne Pickering, Zephyr, two years old on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Bradley VanZant, Newmarket, two years old on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Joyce Gilroy, Winona, ten years old on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Gerald Duffield, Newmarket, 12 years old on Sunday, Feb. 13.

James Raymond Somerville, Schomberg, four years old on Sunday, Feb. 13.

Kay Keffer, Newmarket, ten years old on Monday, Feb. 14.

Donald Emmerson, Nobleton, 14 years old on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Bernice Chapman, R. R. 3, Newmarket, seven years old on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

David Portingale, R. R. 3, Newmarket, nine years old on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Elgin Simmerson, Newmarket, 16 years old on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Keith Brown, Newmarket, five years old on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Mary Ellen Smith, Newmarket, seven years old on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Elva Jean Koshel, Newmarket, 11 years old on Thursday, Feb. 17.

Send in your name, address, age and become a member of The Newmarket Era and Express Birthday club.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Newmarket — Mrs. Mary Crowder is celebrating her 83rd birthday today.

Homemakers' Exchange

Cheese is in the same food class as meat, fish, poultry and eggs. Therefore it should be used in the main course of the meal rather than as an accompaniment to apple pie or with a cracker, as a bed time-snack.

It requires a little more than a gallon of milk to make one pound of cheddar cheese. This concentrated food combines well with bread, macaroni, rice and other cereals to make many satisfactory main dishes.

High temperatures toughen cheese and make it less easily digested. So remember to cook it at a low temperature.

SPANISH FONDUE

3 Tbsp. fat
1/2 Cup coarsely chopped onion
1 Cup whole kernel corn
1 Cup drained canned tomatoes
1 1/2 Cups milk
2 Cups soft bread crumbs (packed)

1 1/2 Cups grated cheese
1/2 Tsp. salt
1/2 Tsp. pepper Dash of paprika
1 Tbsp. fat melted 3 Eggs

Melt the 3 tsp. fat, add onion, corn and tomatoes. Heat well and place in bottom of greased baking dish. Add milk to bread crumbs. When milk has been absorbed, add grated cheese, salt, pepper, paprika, and the 1 tsp. melted fat. Add beaten eggs and mix well. Pour over hot vegetables in baking dish. Place in a pan of hot water and oven-poach in a moderate oven (350 degrees) until set, about 55 to 60 minutes. Turn out on

serving plate. Yield: 6 servings.

If made in individual moulds, oven-poach in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 40 minutes.

HOT TOMATO-CHEESE SANDWICHES

12 Slices lightly buttered bread
1/2 Lb. cheese, thinly sliced
2 Cups tomato juice
2 Eggs

Salt and pepper

Make sandwiches of cheese and bread. Beat egg, add tomato juice and season well. Dip sandwiches in mixture and brown in hot, well greased frying pan. Yield: six servings.

WELSH RAREBIT

1 Tbsp. fat
1 Tbsp. flour
1/4 Tsp. salt
1/4 Tsp. mustard
Few grains cayenne pepper
1 Cup milk
2 Cups grated cheese

Melt fat, blend in flour, salt, mustard and cayenne pepper. Gradually add milk. Add grated cheese and stir until melted. Pour some of hot sauce over beaten egg. Return to double boiler and cook for 2 minutes. Serve on toast. Yield: 6 servings.

Next week: "Milk Desserts."

Aurora Horticulturalists Elect W. J. Profit

Aurora—The annual meeting of the Aurora Horticultural Society was held on Friday evening, Jan. 28, in the east room of the town hall with the president, W. J. Profit, in the chair. The president thanked all those who in any way helped to make the past year a successful one. Mr. Profit and Mrs. Gwen Adams were appointed delegates to the annual convention which will be held March 3 and 4 at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto. It was arranged that the fall flower show be held on Saturday, Aug. 20, in the Sunday-school rooms of the United church. Election of officers for the year followed, under the chairmanship of Rev. H. Howey: hon. pres., Mrs. A. G. Nicol; hon. vice pres., Dr. Crawford Rose; pres., W. J. Profit; first vice pres., Mrs. John Klee; second vice pres., C. A. Adair; directors, Miss D. E. Holland, Mrs. M. L. Andrews, Mrs. F. W. Caulfield, W. C. Davidson, James Raeside, Mrs. C. G. Peterson, W. E. Richardson, Wm. Davidson, F. W. Caulfield; sec.-treas., Miss Helen M. Baycroft; auditor, Miss Mildred H. Graham.

The white-plumaged and nearly extinct whooping crane, two of which were identified in Saskatchewan recently, is the continent's tallest bird. It has long legs, stands 6' high and has a 7' wing spread, joyed by all.



I heard a broadcaster say that food was being dropped to 900 swans that were in danger of starvation on the ice of Lonesome Lake, about 200 miles north of Vancouver. You know they have been having a severe winter in British Columbia. I had a letter from there this week and my friend said it was the worst winter for 63 years—she said they had had 56 days of dry snow! It came 12" at a time, then it would be clear and cold, then another foot or two would fall and again several days of clear cold weather. Then the Saturday previous to the date she wrote there was a tremendous blizzard—and I know from the daily papers and radio that since then there have been more blizzards. Last Friday, the whole of southern B.C. was rejoicing because they were having rain.

In a country where they have the rainy season, in place of winter snow and cold, you can understand that it is very serious. My friend said that they had to observe black-outs regularly every night—and the night falls pretty early in the fall and winter, for they are much farther north than we are.

So I was keenly interested when I read about the bags of barley being dropped on the edge of Lonesome Lake for the swans, and a ranger was there as well to make sure the swans' attention was called to the food dropped for them. They are trumper swans which are almost twice as large as the whistling swans that we will be hearing about presently when they start migrating to their summer home up in the north, Iceland and other northern regions. We will hear how they go over Niagara Falls by the hundreds and many are killed and their bodies, together with wild geese and ducks, strewn the banks of the Niagara River from the falls to Lake Ontario.

In Spite of Everything
In spite of seeing the fate of their companions they continue to go over the brink, and of course are carried to destruction. The rangers and life guards do everything to frighten them away from the danger spot but to no avail. It seems really to be like a game they are playing—they seem so fascinated they either can't or won't be warned, or be sensible. For they glide down with the swift-flowing current, and if they are fortunate enough not to be carried over, and fly up on their strong wings, back they go again and do it all over as before. Nothing seems to stop them. Year after year we hear of the same thing! Our beautiful swans especially! Year by year they are becoming more and more scarce—and there seems to be absolutely nothing we can do about it!

Guess what I was thinking about the other day when the sun was shining so brightly and the sky was a deep azure blue? I'd been listening to a woodpecker, drumming away up a huge elm tree by Mr. Sawdon's home, at the corner of Church and Timothy Sts.—oh how he did drum, you'd have been sure it was a person! And as I went along towards home, I began to wonder about the birds spending the winter in the bird sanctuary that Mr. Aubrey Davis made for them at his King home at Memory Acres. Not that he does not have plenty at his town home here on Millard Ave., he certainly does, for he grows things birds love. He has feeding stations for them and bird houses. Oh, they have all kinds of birds there!

One of the readers of my column says he can't coax anything but sparrows and starlings and that reminds me—the starlings must be like the storks of Holland and those countries up there in Europe, where the stork is so common—they say it builds its nest on the roof up close to the chimney so as to keep warm—for I often see a bunch of starlings sitting on top of my neighbor's chimney and I wonder is it to keep their toes warm? At first I thought they must be inhaling coal gas and I wondered how they could take it—but then it came to me that the neighbor had an oil furnace and I don't suppose there are fumes like coal gas from a coal furnace. At any rate, those starlings seem to have a permanent rendezvous there and when I put out food for my little bird friends, down they came like a black cloud and gobbed it up in a jiffy.

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'Bigger and Better' York Crop Assn. Reports Show

Newmarket—Bigger and bigger each year is the report of York County Crop Improvement annual meeting at Newmarket. Over 125 were present.

By having a lucky draw for those present on time, the program commenced promptly with the presentation of reports by the officers including an outline by the secretary of the crop projects conducted during the year. Winners of the high yield per acre contests then gave an informal outline of how they had handled their projects. Each talk was followed by a number of questions from fellow contestants or others interested.

President M. C. Macklin of Agincourt in his address reported that plans were under way to include a number of new classes in the county seed fair such as husked corn, baled and chopped hay, and table turnips. He also stated that the crop association plans to co-operate with the Hog Producers' Association to stage a Bacon Show consisting of "nominated Wiltshire sides" at the seed fair at Newmarket on March 22.

Following a fine lunch, the afternoon session opened with the election of directors and officers for the coming year. The speaker, Professor G. P. McRostie, head of the field husbandry department of the O.A.C., told of developments in plant breeding to meet some of the problems of plant production. He explained in particular the origin of some of the hybrid corns and how husking corn should be stored. Problems of developing varieties of grain resistant to various diseases were also discussed.

A short address given by H. Scotchmer of the dominion production services, outlined the nature of the Bacon Show which requires that selected or nominated hogs be killed and processed at a specified plant about two weeks in advance and the Wiltshire then brought back to the fair. Prizes for this feature are provided by the dominion government and any

one wishing to nominate an entry should advise the secretary by March 1.

The officers elected were: pres., Clifford Wallwork, Stouffville, R. R. 2; vice-pres., Albert Rutherford, Woodbridge, R. R. 2; sec.-treas., W. M. Cockburn, department of agriculture, Newmarket. The Crop Improvement Association K. E. Fallis of the Ontario crop branch, extended a hearty welcome to the annual meeting of the parent association.

Jr. Farmers Undertake Folk Dancing Program

A rather unique program is now under way in Junior Farmer circles in York county with the recent organization of a folk school. This is the outcome of a suggestion by Norman Lindsay, department of education, and has materialized largely through his efforts. The Juniors were quick to see the advantages of such a recreational program and felt that here was a chance to rekindle interest in their local groups, to meet with the other local clubs more regularly, and to study a form of club-building both interesting and instructive.

The goal of this work is to better acquaint the juniors with the fundamentals of square and folk dancing pertaining to our own country, show them the background of these country dances, and so instruct them that they may return to their local clubs and give freely of their knowledge to further round out an active club program.

Two such schools are organized by the York County Junior Farmers. The south one includes the Unionville, Vellore and Victoria Square Junior Farmer groups and they meet on the second and fourth weeks of the month. The north one

Creamery Butter Output 10 Percent Over '48

Creamery butter production in Ontario is continuing to run more than ten percent ahead of last year and current make butter is showing an increase in first grade quality, according to a report from the Ontario department of agriculture. Undergrade butter, particularly lowest grades, is difficult to sell. This has prompted many handlers of undergrade cream to give consideration to either discontinuing to handle it or lowering the price paid.

One section of the province is definitely taking steps to further improve quality of both cream and butter. They insist that products from their district shall not be outclassed anywhere else. Many stores are reluctant to handle butter unless it is purely Canadian made.



CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD

by ELLIOT MOSES * Director
ONTARIO
PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Cornwall has been included in the Canadian Plowmen's itinerary for the first time this year and we are particularly glad to be able to visit this part of England. For the first time, too, Canadian plowmen participated in the West England Champion Plowing Match. Our lads plowed a good land and I am proud of them. But before I say any more about Cornwall and the Cornish match, let me tell you what has happened since my last letter.

On Board the R.M.S. Caronia
First, I would like to tell you something about our ship which was making its first return trip across the Atlantic. The largest liner (34,183 tons) built anywhere since the end of the war, the Caronia is also one of the most beautiful and modern. It has every convenience that you can find in a modern hotel and while I must confess we found the exterior which was painted in four shades of green somewhat startling, we were told that this color scheme is effective in reducing sun glare.

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Journey to London
When we landed at Southampton a stranger immediately approached us asking if we were the Canadian plowmen. Shortly afterwards, three other men—a representative of the C.N.R., the Anglo-American Oil Company and a photographer came up to us and asked the same question. We were naturally surprised to be spotted as Canadians among hundreds of other disembarking from the Caronia. We are still wondering how they knew who we were.

The journey from Southampton to London gave us our first bit of travel by rail in England. The trains in England are quite different from ours. For one thing, the engine and the coaches are much smaller. The coaches have a passage along one side with the seating accommodation running crosswise rather than lengthwise. Train travel in England is exceptionally heavy due, we are told, to the rationing of gasoline. The ordinary motorist is allowed only 36 gallons of gasoline per year and so must, of necessity, fall back on rail transportation.

When we reached Waterloo Station we took a taxi to our hotel, driving on the "wrong" side of the street. We noticed that English drivers blow their horns only in case of emergency and to avoid danger. To do otherwise is considered rude and ungentlemanly. This is one English custom we wish was more prevalent in Canada and the United States.

We didn't have time to do much that first day in London but the next day (Sunday) we were busy indeed. Mr. Stapleford, Ontario House, was on the job at 9.30 a.m. to take us on a walking tour of the city and to give us particulars about our itinerary. Later, Major Armstrong, also of Ontario House, invited us to his home for lunch. It made our party feel very much at home to be welcomed by officials of our own province and we hope to learn more about Ontario House when we return to London after the plowing matches.

One of the most amusing sights in London is to watch the soap box orators in Hyde Park. They gather every day and particularly on Sunday, to express their views in no uncertain language about all the important questions of the day.

Off to Cornwall
After a day of sight-seeing in London we left by train for Newquay, Cornwall. The long train ride from London to Newquay (250 miles) was somewhat of a surprise to our party for we were under the impression that England was very small. Now we learn that the British Isles are the third largest islands in the world.

Cornwall, the south-westernmost county of England, is a beautiful part of the country. The weather is mild and pleasant year round. From my window I can see the well-kept hedged farms. I can also see another unusual sight for me—the tide coming in by degrees from the Atlantic ocean into a tiny inlet. It is fascinating to watch it rolling and to know that in a matter of 12 hours the water will be 15 or 20 feet higher.

West England Plowing Match

Our reason for our visit to Cornwall was, of course, to take part in the West England Plowing Match and to visit the Cornish farms. There were 63 entries in all classes and the plowing was the most uniform I have ever seen. The farmers here evidently leave their field to

grass for many years and the ground becomes matted with a fine kind of grass covering.

It was most interesting to see the many types of plows used in the match. Our plows looked like foreigners among them just as we do among the people. At first I didn't see how our boys could hope to come high up on the winning list due to the different plows but despite my doubts, we had two winners. Alvin Mark won second prize in Class No. 3 horse-drawn plows and Rhys Bacher was awarded third prize in Class No. 8 tractor plows. Wilbert McFadden and Robert Timbers did almost equally as well but they seemed to be up against stiffer opposition.

The match this year was advertised far and wide and as a result there were competitors from 200 miles away who came for the first time because the Canadian plowmen were here. The association charged spectators one-half crown each and collected an amount equal to \$2,100 in Canadian money. We were told these were the largest receipts in the association's history. This will give you some idea of just how popular our Canadian plowmen are over here.

The association's annual dinner-dance was held in the evening of the match. Approximately 400 people sat down to a dinner which, despite strict rationing, was delicious. The guest speaker was our own Col. Robertson, the agricultural commissioner from Canada House. Bob Timbers was invited to propose a toast to the judge and we were all proud of his fine performance.

As manager of the Canadian team, I was asked to respond to the toast to the plowmen and this gave me an opportunity to say something about our Canadian plowing matches. It is interesting to us to see how anxious they are here to learn all about our farming methods, and indeed, how eager they are for any information about Canada.

Workington—Following the West England Plowing Match in Newquay, Cornwall, the boys and I toured the surrounding countryside before leaving for the Empire Plowing Match at Workington in the north of England. At Workington for the second time within a few days Canadians were among the prize winners at a British plowing match.

Our travels of the past few days have accordingly given us an opportunity to see and contrast farming conditions in southern and northern England. Farming in Cornwall

Adding to the charm and beauty of the Cornish countryside are the well-kept farms with their hedges and fences made of stone and earth with shrubbery growing along the top. Many of the hedges are said to be four or five hundred years old.

We were impressed with the size of the Cornish farms, which seem to be larger than farms in other parts of England. The average is around three to four hundred acres. Each farm has four or five tractors and men to operate them as well as all the latest types of farm machinery.

The cattle are said to be good beef cattle and produce fair quantities of high testing milk, averaging about four percent. We had our first look at the Northern Devon cow, which is a popular breed in this part of the country. It is a large animal resembling our Shorthorn breed, only larger.

Stabling and large barns are not necessary in Cornwall due to the uniform mild weather and this of course cuts down much on the cost of operation. In the winter months, cattle are fed in the fields and truck loads of turnips, cabbage, hay and straw are spread over the fields at intervals during the day.

Before leaving for Workington we were entertained at a farewell dinner by the hospitable residents of Newquay.

The Empire Plowing Match
We reached Workington the following evening after a journey of 600 miles. Needless to say we were pretty tired but after a good night's rest the boys and I were up early and ready to start for the plowing fields.

It was early when we reached the field but even so there were a good number already there. We could see that these English plowmen really take their plowing seriously. Later, we discovered that 65 had entered the competition.

Our boys, using strange horses and tractors and competing against England's best plowmen, were under a serious handicap. Realizing this and in an effort to make the events more competitive, the committee suggested the classes they should enter. This of course was a wise move.

The ground at Workington is quite different from Cornwall, being hilly rather than flat. So rolling were the fields that our boys in the horse-drawn classes couldn't see from one end of the field to the other. The soil was different, too. Instead of the light loam of the Cornish earth,

the Workington soil was dark and heavy and full of stones. Three tractors used in the test broke down in the rough ground.

Alvin Mark and Wilbert McFadden, the Salada horse plowmen, were entered in a small general-purpose class and both succeeded in winning prizes. Alvin came first and Wilbert fourth. Alvin had difficulty with his team at first for one of the horses had been yoked to a plow only a few days before. However, after cutting his first six furrows, he was complete master of his horses.

The tractor classes were more keenly contested but our plows were so different that Rhys Bacher and Bob Timbers, the Esso champions, were not in the money when the judging was completed.

Need for Uniformity in Plowing Rules

After watching two British plowing matches and checking on the types of plows used, I am quite convinced that we cannot expect too much of our boys until we either change our plows to conform to the old country type or have the boys come over a week in advance in order to practice with the plows used here. The type of plows used and the method of scoring as compared with ours is so different that we work under a tremendous disadvantage.

The Empire Plowing Match ended with the annual dance at which the mayor and townspeople joined the farmers in honoring our Canadian party. The people here have been wonderful to us and I only hope we can do as much for the English plowmen when they visit Canada.

British Plowmen to Visit Canada

So far, owing to currency regulations, English and Scottish plowmen have not been able to compete in Canadian plowing matches. Last fall, a team from Northern Ireland entered the International match at Lindsay and this was the first time that a team from the British Isles had ever competed in this Canadian event. Now the Empire Plowing Association has started a fund to send its best men to compete in Canadian matches. They have warned us, too, that they will be out to win and from the excellent plowing I have seen in this area, we would do well to heed their warning.

English School Children Admire Canadian Plowing Costume

On our tour of the Workington district, we split into two groups. Rhys Bacher, Wilbert McFadden and Bob Timbers visited the city's industries while Alvin Mark and I were taken to four of the public schools to show, in Alvin's case, the dress of a Canadian plowman, and in my case, an Indian costume. (Editor's Note—Mr. Moses was born at Oshweken on the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, Ont., and is a member of the Delaware tribe.)

Our boys are wearing plaid shirts and caps to match and as they are not worn over here, the school children were as much attracted by them as they were

to his plaid shirt and cap. Alvin is also wearing his home town (Cameron) hockey sweater with the crest on the front and the figure 13 in a large circle on the back. We were greatly amused to hear an elderly farmer tell his friend that the number showed that Alvin had been a prisoner of war.

The boys who visited the industries were shown through a steel plant and a modern woolen mill. The woolen mill is only partly in operation but when it is completed the people say it will be one of the finest of its kind in the world.

Workington's biggest industry is coal mining. We had hoped to go down into a mine but unfortunately we did not have sufficient time.

Tour of the Lake District

The day following the Empire Match, we were taken on a sight-seeing tour of the famed lake district, which in many respects resembles our own northern Ontario.

io country. We followed some what the same itinerary as last year's group and like them were privileged to see a demonstration of sheep dogs at work on Helvellyn Mountain. Mr. Clarke described the scene in last year's newsletter so I don't feel I need to say anything more about it except that none of our party had ever witnessed such a sight and we were greatly impressed with the whole performance.

Even though rationing is in effect over here, we have been well fed all the time. During our tour of the lake district, we had lunch at Keswick, afternoon tea at a fashionable summer resort hotel and then finished with a full course dinner at the home of Mr. Bower where the Empire Match was held. Now we are wondering what meals would be like over here without rationing.

My next letter will be from Scotland and I hope to have information about agricultural conditions there which will interest Canadian farmers.

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Far from being a local project, the festival, which runs from February 21 to March 5, draws entrants from clear across Canada. From Newmarket, Shirley Geer is entered in the soprano solo section under 21 years, and Marion Gibson is entered in the girls' solo section under 11 years. Over 300 Aurora high and public school students will be entering the festival under the general direction of Iltyd Harris.

From Regina, three high school students, Douglas Rouse (14), Warren Kennedy (15) and Robert Mousing (15) will rush east by train, will each play his saxophone, clarinet or horn, then dash back west again to regular classes. Members of the Regina Junior Band, the boys are financed in their musical adventure by the

local Lions club. New Liskeard, a smart, bustling northern Ontario town, is sending down its Women's Philharmonic Choir. The 53 members with their leader, Ruby Wathen, are all young business women or matrons. They come in a special car and thoroughly enjoy the outing.

"The trip costs us \$800," said conductor Ruby Wathen, "and we raise most of that money ourselves with concerts. The balance is donated by the local Kiwanis club and city council." Famous mother-and-daughter team is the Parker family of Toronto. Patsy, who is ten, and Eileen, just turned seven, both compete in piano. Mrs. Parker herself conducts the Glen Echo Girls' ensemble in the choral section. Most cosmopolitan group comes from the famous international Hester How School in Toronto. Said school principal Mary Hill, "This year we've a real group with 19 different nationalities singing in one choir."

In this, its sixth year, the Kiwanis festival will adjudicate on 16,000 entrants, or more than 28,000 individual entries.

The Common Round...



By Isabel Inglis Colville

BEAUTIFUL AND DANGEROUS

Anyone who has watched a summer storm, seeing the lightning illuminate a part of the landscape with an eerie beauty all its own, or viewed with mingled fear and admiration the swift snakey golden chain that spells disaster for some one or something, knows how closely danger and beauty are allied. Look at a lake, or a river or a sea — can anything be more beautiful than when they lie like a mirror reflecting every tree, along their banks, every cloud overhead, every boat that glides along their glossy surfaces. But let the wind have its way; let it stir those calm surfaces to frenzy, and one must admit that beauty and danger here are side by side.

There are plants like the deadly nightshade and reptiles like the coral snake, beautifully formed and exquisitely colored — and deadly. And then there is fire. I'm sure if I had been a pagan in the long ago days I would have been a fire-worshiper, for if there is one earthly thing that rests me more than another, it's to sit in the twilight, with a cat or two purring on the rug beside me, and look into the fire and see visions and dream dreams.

Fire, properly controlled, adds so much to our daily comfort — but fire uncontrolled — that's another and a deadly thing.

Last Thursday, just as the sun was slipping out of sight, I looked out of our north window and cried, "There's a fire up the road!" My better-half, who always distrusts my snap judgments in such matters, said, "No doubt someone burning brush." Being a prisoner in the house through illness, Archie was helpless to aid and we could only watch as the neighbors gathered from all sides and the Aurora fire reels went past — I

should rather say "flew past" and vanished. It was an old house, long in the Starr family, now the property of Mrs. Isaac Johnson, and like all old houses, the beams were of great size and solidity and the outline of the house thus stayed long after the rest had disintegrated.

A fire in the town is bad enough — a fire in the country is sheer tragedy, for there is, except in rare cases, the shortage of water. Newmarket and Aurora fire brigades were hampered by this, but one thing was saved from the holocaust. Mr. and Mrs. Moss, who had been living there, had their furniture all packed, so its removal was possible in short order, which was a blessing. But we look up the road to where the lights of that house used to shine out — friendly — at night and there is no house and no lights. Fire, beautiful and dangerous, has claimed another home.

Some of us can remember when horses drew the fire engine and they were picturesque and also clever. A pupil of mine in Brockville always rode in from the country for her lesson — on horseback. One day, just as she left town the fire bell rang and she came to that fire so fast that she never could remember just how she got there. The horse she was riding was one of those sold when the engine was motorized, but he was faithful to his training and my friend came to the fire whether she would or whether she wouldn't — she wasn't consulted.

SPECIAL SPEAKER

Newmarket — W. I. McIlwain, B.A., who will graduate this spring from Knox College, will be the special speaker on a broadcast celebrating Students and College Sunday. The program will be carried over CBL and the Trans-Canada Network on Sunday, Feb. 20, at 4.30 p.m. and will originate from Knox College.

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Cook Sparks Bantams Along Play-Off Trail

Our bantam hockey squad ousted Orillia from the O.M.H.A. play-off hunt in convincing style with an 8-2 win in Orillia last Thursday. Our youngest representatives grabbed the first game 4-1 at home. As well as being the main bulwark on the defense Bob Cook parked the rubber in the Orillians' net on four occasions. His chief assist on the path to victory was Bobbie Forhan with a pair of goals, Murray Young and Neil Tate with singles.

Keswick Midgets Win First O.M.H.A. Round

Keswick midget team in the O.M.H.A. has won two games against the Woodville team, winning their group. In the first game last week at Woodville, the score was 3-1 with Danny McGenerty, Ronnie Sullivan and Noel Ash each scoring one counter for Keswick.

In the return match in the Cannington arena, the Keswick boys were again successful with the score of 6-3. The scoring was by McLaughlin (2), Ash (3), Henry (1).

Keswick line-up: goal, Alf Marritt; def., David Huntley, Peter Beatty, Danny McGenerty, Russ Smith; forwards, Bill Henry, Noel Ash, Bus MacLaughlin, David Waldon, Philip Whitney and Ronnie Sullivan. Coach, Tommy Hare.

Keswick Bantams Win Play-Off Opener

Keswick Bantams played their first play-off game against Newmarket at Sutton Thursday. The score was 5-3 for Keswick. Line-up: goal, Herwood Link; defence, Ronnie Sullivan, Bob Clark, Paul Dolan; forwards, Doug Peters, Dan Peters, Bill Donald, Alf Lister, Clark Gable, Gerald Porter, Michael Sinclair, Ronnie Connell, Jimmie Cole, Earl Link.

Hawks, Bears, Flyers Record Wins Saturday

Chicago "Black Hawks", league leaders in our national hockey league, tacked on another two points Saturday morning with a 4-1 triumph over the Maple Leafs. Sharpshooters for the Hawks were Glen Keffer with two, Bob Hodgins and Bob Attwell firing home singles. Ron Lockhart was the marksman for the Leafs.

The Leafs redeemed themselves to some extent in their second test of the morning, sewing up a 4-3 win over Canadiens. Neil Tate was the pace setter in the win with three goals, Bob Townsley got the other. Laurie VanZant and Ron Lockhart helped the cause with a pair of assists. A duo of Bobs, Forhan and Broadbent, tried hard to keep the Canadiens in the running, the former sniping for a pair of markers, the latter tacking on a single.

Action in the American league (bantam) found the hereto unbeaten Pittsburgh Hornets having a taste of their own medicine as Hersey Bears knocked them off their high perch with a 3-2 setback. Don McKnight, Jack Purcell and Delwyn Creed scored for the victors. Billie Cain with "Shorty" McGuire snapped in the Hornets counters.

Sparked by a two-goal performance by Billie Forhan, St. Louis Flyers chalked up their first win of the campaign. The victims in this case being Cleveland Barons, final score reading Flyers 2, Barons 0.

Kids Night, or if you prefer, Tom Kirk Night, is likely scheduled for Friday, Feb. 25.

Lions Juveniles Win First Round 6-5

(Held from last week) The powers that be, without wasting any time, sent our Lions onto Orillia. The Revill-Peat squadron, after their 3-1 win Saturday, made the long haul to the northern metropolis Monday evening. While dropping a hard fought game 4-3, that two-goal lead came in mighty handy, giving our Lions the round by a 6-5 count.

At one time in the early round, Orillia had erased our margin with a 4-1 lead, but that vanished before a determined last period bid by Joe Peat's lads. "Spike" Cain chalked up our first marker, Bill Smith with "Pepper" Martin the assister kept up in the hunt with a second period tally. Right winger Murray McDonald put on the record, at the midway mark of the final frame our third goal. A goal that gave us the round. Walt Cain was on the assisting end on McDonald's goal.

Manager Barney Revill is now awaiting word as to second-round opposition.

IS IN HOSPITAL

Newmarket — Edmund J. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Adams, 32 Strigley St., is ill in York County hospital after undergoing an operation on Saturday.

Re-Elect Norman Bretz Aurora Recreation Chief

Aurora—At a meeting of the Aurora Recreation Commission in the Aurora town office on Friday, Norman Bretz was re-elected to the office of president while Tom Swindle was installed as secretary-treasurer, replacing Harold Rogers who retired from his post last fall. It was also announced that Don Glass would be council's representative of the Recreation Commission while W. C. Corbett was appointed to the commission by the town sports committee.

The commission also announced that the people of Aurora would soon have the pleasure of viewing an excellent ice show. On February 25 Allan's Ice Nymphs, who hail from Iceland, will demonstrate their prowess on Aurora ice. According to Red Mitchell, he has been informed that Aurora will view an esthetically pleasing combination of both beauty and skating ability equalled only in professional ranks. As an added attraction a costume parade is to be held on the arena ice. It is open to all local residents, both children and adults. Special prizes are to be awarded for the best costume in each age group.

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By GEORGE HASKETT

Hand me that crystal ball: We're going to need it from here in. Yes indeed. After tonight, when Spitfires and Sutton Greenhorns give attention to some unfinished business from the fore part of the season, every game is a must on the Metro loop. The semi-finals open next week. Just got the crystal ball polished up with duz—"does everything". We'll get away out on a limb by saying Newmarket and Sutton will battle it out for the Metropolitan League mug.

Talking about the Metropolitan league mug started a systematic search for this old historic trophy. Last information was it hung around Sutton for years, then shifted to Pefferlaw. Started some hockey minded gents from up that away on the hunt for it and lo and behold Ivan Law, Zephyr's hockey man, arrives with the cup today. Ivan quipped, "The only reason I found it was because figure it's going to stay up in our country—meaning Sutton".

Backfire of the season! Wasn't that a dinky bill for last Thursday "Can Aurora Beat Newmarket?" Promise, please promise, Mr. Beaver, you won't do it again. Should Newmarket and Aurora meet along the play-off trail, Harold Rogers, Jack Bowser and Stew Patrick and company may retaliate with "We did it before, we can do it again".

Last Thursday's stars: Let's see, Bill Mitchell, a mighty powerful unit back behind the blue and a dangerous rusher. Howard "Big Boy" Patrick made life miserable for Joe Tunney, coasting in time after time from the right boards to blast a shot away, Stan Gibbons, our best bet, good on the attack with a goal and two assists and back checking well. Honorable mention to Eric "Zero" Smith and Vic Maharg.

Too long we've been lacking in our support of our minor hockey teams. Both bantams and juveniles got through the first round. The Lions lost 4-3 in Orillia but came up with a win on the round on Murray McDonald's third period tally. The Bantams won handily in Orillia by an 8-2 margin. That lend-lease tie-up with Aurora is working well on this occasion as Bob Cook on our defense salted away four goals. That lad is a comer. Could you move to Newmarket please?

Joe chips: Joe Peat made his first appearance Thursday on the Spits' back wall. It climaxed a lot of persuasion by manager John Hines and co-manager Larry Sheffe to get the "Mighty Atom" to ink a contract. Rumor had it Joe favored Bradford but couldn't obtain a release here. We'll take it back. Remember that crack about coach Gibney not being able to make the team? "The coach" finally got into action Saturday against Bradford, his poke-checking at our blue line giving "Whitey" Bone and Deb Cooper invaluable aid. Cliff Gunn, who joined Harry Caradonna on the injured list last week, masterminded the team from the bench. Norm "Dodger" Collings, expected to be a bulwark on the Bradford rear-wall, injured early in the season, isn't likely to get back into action this winter.

Things to come. Imposing list of events on the calendar. Saturday afternoon, second round, Midland bantams, the visitors at the arena, 2:30 p.m. Frank Hollingsworth, H. A. Jackson, with assistance from Grant Blight, are keeping our youngest scrappers in the hunt. Saturday, p.m., juveniles roll northward to tackle Collingwood. Joe Peat is at the coaching reins of the Lions, Barney Revill manager and Stan Smith is keeping his finger in the hockey pie as club secretary. Sutton here tonight. Basketball Saturday afternoon at the College-Grads vs. Pickering.

Rod and Gun club euchre, February 22. Why not a rabbit hunt, men, tired? Big test for our badminton forces February 17 at Willowdale, league leadership at stake. Art Peppiatt and Jack Hamilton better hunt up our best side.

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Old Metropolitan Trophy Found Recalls 'Blood, Thunder' Days

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE STANDING February 15

	W	L	T	Pts.
Sutton	10	1	0	20
Newmarket	7	4	0	14
Aurora	2	8	1	5
Bradford	2	8	1	5

Scores Last Week:
Feb. 10 - Aurora 7; Newmkt. 4
Feb. 11 - Sutton 6; Bradford 4
Feb. 12 - Newmkt. 4; Brad. 3

Future Games
Thurs., Feb. 17 - Sutton at Newmarket

Semi-finals start next week

Scoring Race to Feb. 15

	G	A	Pts.
Roy Collings, Brad.	18	7	25
Ken. Davies, Sutton	11	11	22
G. Lamont, Sutton	14	6	20
"Jing" Groves, Brad.	10	9	19
Gord. Todd, Newmkt.	10	5	15
M. McInnis, Newmkt.	6	9	15
Cros. Brady, Sutton	8	7	15
H. Tunstead, Newmkt.	8	5	13
B. MacMillan, Sutton	6	7	13
Geo. Holborn, Sutton	9	4	13
Skip Taylor, Sutton	5	8	13

Penalty Parade
C. Lotto, Bradford, 27 min.
N. Taylor, Aurora, 27 min.
H. Tunstead, Newmkt., 26 min.
B. MacMillan, Sutton, 24 min.
E. Pringle, Sutton, 22 min.
W. Mitchell, Aurora, 20 min.
H. Patrick, Aurora, 20 min.

Bantams Lose 11-1 To Midland

Our bantams off to Midland Wednesday for the second round of the O.M.I.A. playdowns suffered a crushing defeat, going under 11-1 before the strong Midlanders. That gives our mites an almost insurmountable margin to haul down in the return game billed for local attention at the arena Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

Spits Earn 4-3 Win Over Celery Kings

Topped by a two-goal performance by right winger Myles McInnis, Spitfires managed to eke out a 4-3 win over Bradford "Celery Kings" on Saturday evening in the northern village. The Spitfires earned their win the hard way, twice coming from behind — first a two-goal deficit and then a single.

Bradford started off meaning business. They piled up a two-goal lead in the first chapter on Roy Collings' and Evan Stevens' goal-ward thrusts. Collings' goal was a sizzler from well out that picked the corner before our net-minder, Joe Tunney, could get into blocking position. From the first period on, the Celery Chucks had to take a back seat to the Spitfires as their firing power increased. Myles McInnis started the Spits away on their scoring trail at the four-minute mark of the middle frame. It was his centre-ice buddy, "Blondy" Todd, who worked the puck into scoring position before giving it to McInnis to supply the goal-scoring shot. "Fink" Tunstead, three minutes later, on a three-way passing attack that saw Brother Mabbett and Gibbons earn assists, pumped a shot into the Bradford cage. That tied it up and that's how the middle session ended two all.

Bohmer "Jing" Groves, outstanding on the Bradford attack — he never gave up battling — carried right in on top of the Spits' citadel, and though harassed by our defence, got away a rising shot that nicked the top corner to give Dodger Collings' men a temporary lead which they nursed along until Bill Mabbett in a goal-mouth scramble rapped the disc behind Em. Trask to square the issue. This brought about Myles

and centre with his second and game-winning marker, at the 17:30 mark. Myles picked up a loose puck inside the Bradford blue-line, fought his way in front of the enemy cage to get away a whistling drive that found the rigging.

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ON THE ALLEYS

By PIN-BOY

Claire Pollock once again highlighted Monday night ladies' league with a fine total of 666 for three games to head the scoring list. She opened with a 228 count, added 197, then finished strong with 241 game. Phyl McInnis was second in the pin spilling with a 627 total, rolling a 221-230 and 176. Other contributions down the line were Edna McGrath 617, Audrey Benton 608, Ethel Winter 593, Billy Blandy 572, Floss Campbell 557, Annie Stickland 548, Edith Hall 545, Alice Gibson 534, Humbugs and Owls captured the major portion of the points Monday each annexing four. Duds and Shmoos settled for two each.

As a result of Tuesday's bowling in the Office Specialty Officers' League, Tommy Scott's sextet came through with a four-point win over Geo. Phimister's squad, while Stew Parks gained three points over Don Burch's team. League standing puts Scott in front with 42, Parks 36, Burch 33 and Phimister 31. High scorers Tuesday were Roy Bennett tying together 162-210 and 277 for a 649 total. That 277 game was the high single for the night. Ken. Giles pinned a 605 triple and Don. Burch a 603.

Indians are out in front in the Lawn Bowlers' Ladies' League with 25 points, adding three on their total last Friday. Second place is held by Wildcats with 23½ and in last place, S.O.S. with 19½. Dora McCaffrey led the individual efforts with a 537 triple made up of 202, 173, and 162. Ev. Smith with 525 and Marie Penrose 470 followed in that order.

Sheet Metals of the Hoffman League moved into a tie for first place with a four-point win over Machine Shop last Friday to give them 32½ points. Press Shop kept pace with a three-point gain in their tilt with Vordone. Following the two leaders are Vordone with 27, Machine Shop 23 and Stores 20. Keith Davis opened up with a 260 game, then a 209 and dropped away to 160 for a 629 total, good enough to give him leadership among the individual scorers last Friday. Bob Benville with 596 and Al. Bryson with 594 were other top scorers. Jack Duncan rolled a 284 for high single marks.

In the Mixed League, a Friday night feature, Wildcats are racing well in advance of the opposition with 51 marks. Smoothies have 46 and Rinky Dinks 33, and Tomahawks certainly aren't scalping any points with a lowly 29 production. "Bink" Wright pencilled three steady games to lead the scoring parade with 663. Earl Burrows, usually out in front, had to be content with second with 639 on a 301, 141 and 197 string. In the ladies' section Norma Nuttall held the lead with a 516 threesome with Ivy Burrows runner-up with 481. Apologies to Walt. Stickwood. Tried hard to make him a better bowler than he was last week, and said his total was 768 but it should have read 718. Can't blame a guy for trying.

The Thursday night ladies always manage to chalk up some high scores and last week was no exception. Olive Hughston headed the list starting her threesome off with 340, added 158 and 144 for a 642 high. Hazel Bennett pencilled a 624. Edna McGrath 595 and Betty VanZant 505.

Totals over 600 were needed last week to set the pace in the Office Specialty Ladies' League with Florence Callaghan leading with a 649 on three games of 251, 211 and 187. Eva Whitfield was the other bowler up in that class with 608. In the 500 circle were Frances Luesby 588, Laura Whitfield 558, Joyce Smith 552, Jean Willis 507.

WINS RADIO
The draw in connection with the organization of the local bantam hockey team was held Monday night. Bruce Fogal, No. 215, 6 D'Arcy St., was the winner of the radio offered as a prize.

DOWN THE CENTRE

By T. A. M. (AB.) HULSE

Play-off time is at hand and tonight, if there's ice, will be the clash between Weston and Aurora Meteors. It's a best of three series and the second game is carded for either Weston or Georgetown (artificial ice) on Monday or Tuesday of next week. If the teams are tied at the end of two clashes, a toss of the coin will decide the site of the third and final game. The winner meets Unionville who has been marking time for some days now. The Unionville team refused the big melon of a round-robin series suggested by Aurora and Weston for a sure berth in the finals. "We don't need the money," says the Unionville management, a refreshing touch in these days when red ink is generally on the ledger of most clubs.

The Aurora-Weston series should be a darb and the teams, if they leave the rough stuff alone, will be even-strengthen to the finish or we miss our guess. Weston has tied Unionville twice this year and their only loss was to Aurora. Aurora has lost twice to Unionville, the last by a nose. Meteors are entering the play-offs in tip-top shape and in their last four games have played their best hockey of the season. There'll be no alibis if the boys lose out.

Artificial ice seems to be certain for Newmarket next season, and strange as it may seem, there's a good possibility that Aurora and Richmond Hill will follow suit. The action taken by the folks in canaltown has put a firecracker under the interested groups in the other two centres, and both have made preliminary surveys and obtained prices. As yet there's no definite decision either place and certainly no pledge of funds from the public treasury as has happened in Newmarket. Civic pride, natural rivalry, good sales promotion by the ice machinery company, add to the growing interest. At Aurora the committee consists of H. M. "Mac" McKenzie, Frank Underhill, Tom Swindle, "Red" Mitchell and Archie Cousins. Cecil Mabley heads the Hill committee and his aides are Dick Edmunds, Al White, Len Clement, Ken Tomlin.

All three arenas are municipally owned, Aurora and Newmarket being operated by recreation groups and the Richmond Hill council still being in charge down south. The rinks are all in blue ink this winter on actual operating costs, we understand, but nobody ever seems to know just how the picture is in any one year, considering investment, carrying charges and up keep at the arenas. Public accounting doesn't seem to give a true picture as there are so many overlapping departments and expenditures along the line. We hope that all three centres will shoot for plenty of funds. The prices we've seen seem to be underestimates to complete the job as it should be done.

How to get the money? There's the problem that bothers all three and Aurora and Richmond Hill will have the Newmarket example to point to as either a success or failure. So far as we're concerned, with the general interest shown, the up-an-at-em committee named by Newmarket, the word failure shouldn't be included in the lexicon of words used in canaltown. Nevertheless a good many financial drives in Newmarket in the past have not met complete success, so that full community support will be required. Public canvasses at Aurora and Richmond Hill in the past have fallen short of the mark in too many instances. It must also be remembered that indications are that it's not as easy to raise money in 1949 as it was a few years ago. The public treasuries (John Q. Taxpayer) can only stand so much too.

We're not attempting to throw cold water on the project, the committees are as hep to local conditions as any one else. The fact that one, two or all three communities get artificial ice are points that will doubtless be considered as to possible income for the future when the outlay to be made is mulled over. There's no gainsaying the fact that winning hockey clubs will be needed to carry the main load of arena operations, as the folks in Barrie, Owen Sound, Midland and elsewhere can relate from their experiences. Small, privately owned arenas like Icelandia and Royals rink in Toronto have however proved that this is not necessarily the case where there is a density of population to be cared for.

All three North York centres could definitely look forward to financial returns from the Toronto and suburban areas for a good many years to come as the Queen City lags behind small town Ontario in providing good recreation centres. Weston will relieve the situation somewhat as they will have artificial ice next winter. Statistics from Hespeler, Simcoe, Bracebridge, Collingwood to name centres in their first year of artificial ice operation should provide illumination to all three committees, although only on the basis of arenas strategically located in their respective districts. If encouragement and an example of what can be done is needed you don't have to go any further than Paisley, where in two years two arenas have been completed, the first going down by fire and only being partially covered by insurance too. The progress made in North York will be eagerly watched by the entire district population and by a good many other centres as well. Regardless of what the outcome may be in '49 it seems to be pretty good logic to believe that as long as general financial conditions are good in Ontario, the day is fast approaching, in view of uncertainty of weather, increased recreational facilities and interest, and the growth of public consciousness to the welfare of all the people, that artificial ice plants will spread from community to community.

That poster that Les Beazer used for the last Aurora vs. Newmarket game must have proved a real tonic for Aurora intermediates who sped to a well earned, clear cut triumph over Spitfires at Newmarket last Thursday. Manager Hal Rogers received one of the "Can Aurora Beat Newmarket?" bills through the mails from Newmarket, marked "They never could and never will". It proved good psychological ammunition for Harold to use in the dressing room and the sender rates an assist so far as the Aurora management are concerned. The old Metropolitan spirit is gradually being revived, fortunately in a saner, more modified form than in the past.

Spits Lose First At Home To Aurora

It was advertised: "Can Aurora Beat Newmarket?" Querying a host of fans on Main St. early in the week, we got "No. No. Never. Well hardly ever." Last Thursday was a "hardly ever" for Harold Rogers led his Black and Gold out of their lair with revolting results, to say the least, for us. Coming out of that first period tied at one all, the Rogers-Patrick-Moore men gave it the good old college try and Joe Tunney watched four goals go sailing into this rigging. The Spits couldn't match that sort of production. They parked one behind Smitty. That margin carved out in the second proved enough to carry Aurora to a 7-4 win as both teams produced a pair of counters in the final frame.

Squinting back at that first period. Too long the usual part of a Newmarket-Aurora tussle has been missing this season. It was bound to break loose sooner or later. The spark that touched the fire-works off was a feud that got going between Normie Taylor and "Fink" Tunstead. The pair whammed each other on the ice, then in the penalty box where everybody joined in the biffing and banging. Result: Normie Taylor thought over his sins for ten minutes, Tunstead for five. How that conclusion Johnny White and Irky Ross was arrived at we'll never guess. were the big guns on the Aurora side, attacking with a duo of scoring thrusts, Mike Cosgrove, Howard Patrick and Wild Clark putting the boot heel in the

knocked off his blue-line work—and he was a tower of strength there—to earn a pair of assists. Howard Patrick was going like something out of this world in the middle session coasting in on Joe Tunney from his right-wing position to cause plenty of trouble for our net-minders.

For the home forces "Smitty" Todd, Stan. Gibbons, "Fink" Tunstead and Bill Mabbett did the all important chore of putting the red light into operation. Stan. Gibbons checked in with one of his best efforts of the season as he chalked up one goal and tacked on a pair of assists.

Weston-Aurora Game Rained Out

"Game called on account of rain." No, my dear Fotheringale, we're not talking about baseball or softball, but Canada's winter sport, hockey.

With the unshingled roof of the new Weston arena acting like a sieve, referee Jack Cook called the Aurora Meteors vs. Weston Millar A.C. classic on Monday night after 31 minutes of play. It was a break for both spectators and players, for with the soft ice, splash of water, and increasing downpour, the 300 present began to think they were on a "Slow boat to China."

Weston was leading 1-0 at the time play was called because of

Downer. The teams were tending strictly to hockey, and if the ice had been good it would have been a blanket finish. Aurora fans were impressed with the appearance of the new Weston ice palace. Built of cement block with a wooden arched roof, the building has cost around \$50,000 to date exclusive of much voluntary labor. Seats and artificial ice are yet to be installed. An annex will provide rooms for a community centre. When finished the arena will be one of the best in Ontario with a seating capacity of about 2,000, and spacious dressing rooms. It's a community venture with all groups taking